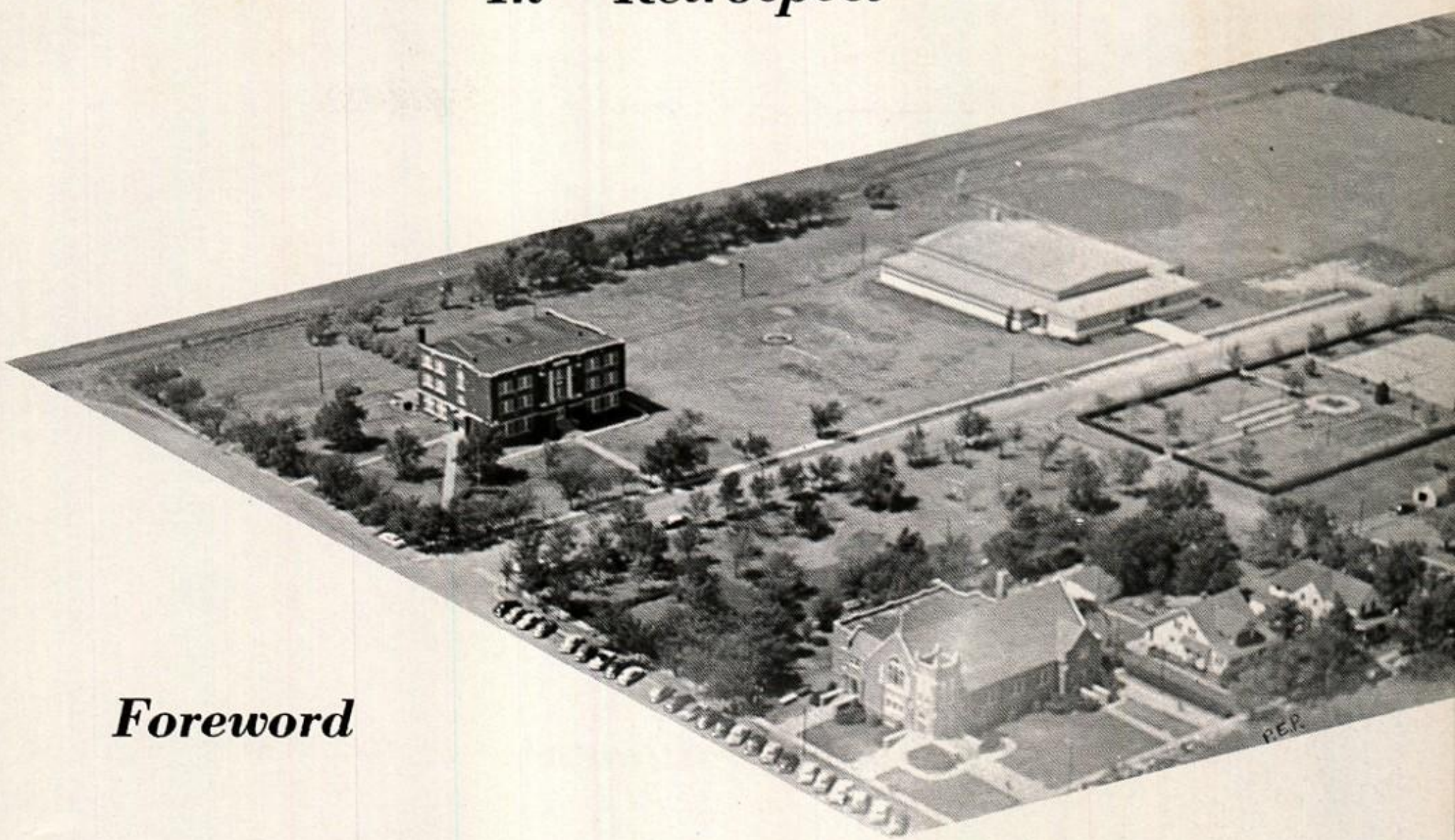
LORRAINE HIGH SCHOOL
1898 - 1966

Your High School . . .

In Retrospect



Foreword

When one endeavors to write a historical account
of the life of a school,
he encounters many interesting facets of school life
--each casting its beam of light
in a different direction.

Exploring each of these facets is difficult,
but it is even more difficult
to synthesize them into one account
in the form of a yearbook
because they reflect different values,
different standards, different backgrounds, different tastes.

The account that follows has been authenticated
through school attendance registers,
permanent high school records,
records of boards of education,
county teacher registers, school directories,
newspaper articles, programs,
and other historical records and accounts.

It is hoped that
as you view this spectrum of school life
you will recall the memorable moments of yesteryear,
for this is your high school in retrospect.

Dedication

To the graduates
of Lorraine Union and Rural High Schools
this work is sincerely dedicated.

Acknowledgments

Much time, thought, perserverance, and searching
went into the preparation of this yearbook.
Hundreds of individuals were called upon
to write a letter or make a call,
to supply a picture or recall a name,
to make an inquiry or to submit data.
Each worked with enthusiasm.

Vernon Splitter, who copied hundreds of photographs,
and Margie Schmidt, who planned and assembled this yearbook,
are to be commended for their roles
in making this pictorial work possible.

School History

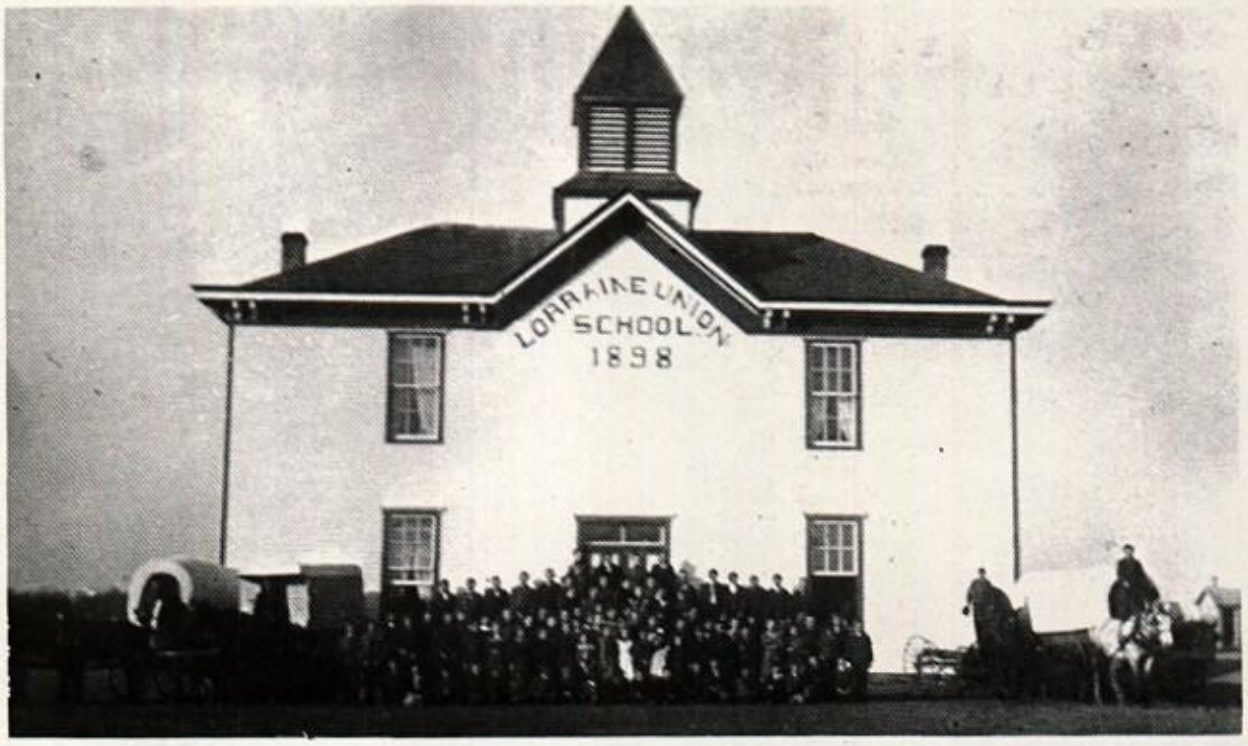
The big white frame building of the first consolidated school in Kansas will never stand as a tourist attraction as does the little red schoolhouse moved from this state to Knott's Berry Farm in California. The principal reason is that the local citizens were too busy making history to be concerned with the preservation of a building. However, records of the event were preserved in books, letters, pictures, historical societies, and in the minds and hearts of those individuals who sought and worked for better schools during the last quarter of the past century. One such individual was H. L. Steinberg, who, when asked about the consolidation several years later, said, "My own experiences as a schoolboy were, to a great degree, responsible for the interest with which I worked for the organization of the Lorraine Union School."*

LORRAINE UNION SCHOOL ORGANIZED

Steinberg knew the one-room rural school well, for he attended one and taught in two in Minnesota before coming to Kansas where he served on the board of yet another. He knew their inadequacies — the lack of planning, heat, discipline, facilities, and teacher preparation. His own advanced education, totaling less than two years, was obtained at an academy in Monee, Illinois, where Professor E. Janzen was principal.

In the spring of 1877 Steinberg came to Kansas and bought a tract of land about one mile northeast of what is now Lorraine. "The first school in this district," Steinberg said, "was a sod building on the northeast corner of the land we occupied. Later a [one-room] frame building was erected on the north side of the road, where the school work of that district was carried on until the year 1898. It was my privilege to have been a member of the school board during all those years. In this capacity it was possible for me to gain further . . . knowledge of the one-room school . . . [and it] caused me to think of ways and means of remedying the difficulties in which we were constantly involved."*

A magazine article telling of a consolidation of schools in Ohio was brought to the attention of Steinberg and others, and the idea of consolidating the schools of Green Garden Township was conceived. Informal discussions followed, and it was generally agreed that such a consolidation would be educationally sound and that the town of Lorraine should be the site of any proposed school building. Several interested persons, including Steinberg, went to Ellsworth and discussed the idea of consolidation with Edward T. Fairchild, the county superintendent. Fairchild liked the idea and went to Topeka where he sought the introduction of a bill making it legal to consolidate school districts. The legislature passed such a bill in 1897.



LORRAINE UNION SCHOOL - Organized June 8, 1898
First Consolidated School in Kansas

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*Quotations are from a paper prepared for the Kansas State Historical Society by Mrs. Paul Peters, Jr., who, in 1942, interviewed H. L. Steinberg, then 87, about the school consolidation of 1898.

Shortly after the bill's passage, a formal meeting of the patrons of the Green Garden school districts was called, and Steinberg, who was made chairman, led the discussion as to the feasibility of consolidation. Opposition developed, and the plan was defeated. The idea did not die, however, and on June 8, 1898, most of the districts of Green Garden Township were consolidated, forming School District No. 26. Members of the board of education for the newly organized school district were H. L. Steinberg, John Franz, and R. W. Cook. W. S. Bean, an experienced teacher in the Lorraine area, became the first principal of the new Lorraine Union School. The white, four-room, frame structure was opened for school on October 10, 1898, with Valeria C. Anderson teaching the intermediate grades and Johanna Janssen, the primary grades. The first term, eight months in length, closed on May 30, 1899. Thus, the first consolidated school west of the Mississippi River proved to be sucessful.

HIGH SCHOOL PROPOSED

In the fall of 1899, Wilbert A. Ward became the school's second principal. His end-of-year report reads as follows: "Erasers are badly needed in all the rooms. Some good music charts and an organ would not be a bad investment. A good library, containing about twenty feet of shelf room, should be placed in one of the rooms, and an annual appropriation of $5 to $10 would be splendid encouragement to the library fund. Teachers should follow the course of study outlined by the State Board.

"The county superintendent permits all who make 90% in any subject, at a regular county examination, to use such grades toward graduation the following year. I would recommend that a ninth grade be formed for next year for those (Carl A. Teubner, Edgar Steinberg, Minnie Steinberg, Emma Mohney, and Mamie Henry) who have passed the County Graduating Examination, and those having credits toward graduation should be allowed to substitute ninth grade subjects for those accredited. This step should be taken with a view to maintaining at least a two years' high school course. Respectfully, W. A. Ward." The following course of study was suggested for the proposed ninth grade: civil government, English rhetoric, algebra, physics, physical geography, and possibly bookkeeping or German.

The next year W. S. Bean, the school's first administrator, again assumed the duties of principal and served in this capacity for three years, 1900-03. He thus became the first principal of the two-year high school which began in the fall of 1900. In 1902, Emma Mohney Murphy (mother of Florence Murphy Schacht) and Edgar Steinberg (son of H. L. Steinberg) became the first graduates of the high school.

In the fall of 1903, D. L. Katterjohn accepted the principalship and held that position from 1903 to 1909, except for the school year 1906-07, when J. C. Anderson was principal. During Katterjohn's administration a third year, beginning in the fall of 1904, was added to the high school. All but one of the 1904 graduates, along with Edgar Steinberg (class of 1902) enrolled for and completed the third-year course and thus became the class of 1905.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM OF 1916-17
Played on a Dirt Court

STANDING: Ernest Kiley, Art Becker, Albert Kruse, Victor Groth, Edward Janzen
SEATED: Elmer Rolfs, Lee Henry, Robert Hein

Ed Roth became administrator in the fall of 1909 and served in that capacity for one year. Bernard Friesen then assumed the principalship and held that position for three years, 1910-13. In 1911 the state legislature passed a law requiring all beginning teachers, after May, 1913, to have at least one year's training in a good high school before being certified; after 1915, at least two years' training; and after 1917, four years' training.

Fred C. Miller served as the school's administrator from 1913 to 1915. He was followed by A. J. Voran, who held the position for two years, 1915-17. It was during this time that it was decided that a fourth year, beginning in the fall of 1917, should be added to the high school. As a result there were no graduates in 1917. It is believed that the fourth year was added so that graduates of the high school could comply with the above-mentioned law and qualify as teachers. This is further substantiated by the fact that the board of education on April 13, 1917, passed a resolution "to contract with and hire graduates of the Lorraine Union School if they qualify as teachers."

For the school year 1917-18, Harry H. Haury served as principal. At the annual school meeting on April 12, 1918, a motion carried to hold a special meeting for the purpose of changing the school site. On April 22, 1918, the question, "Shall the schoolhouse site be changed?" was submitted to the voters of the district who passed the proposition by a two-thirds majority.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PROPOSED

Charlotte Morton, the first and only woman to become principal of the high school, held that position for one year, 1918-19. At the annual meeting on April 11, 1919, the board presented descriptions of three proposed sites. The motion carried that the board call a special meeting for the purpose of voting on the proposed sites. A motion to build a new schoolhouse also carried. The board was then directed to invite District No. 74 to join District No. 26. Thus, District No. 74 became the last school district in Green Garden Township to consolidate with District No. 26, making H.L. Steinberg's "dream" a reality some twenty years after it was first proposed.

On April 21, 1919, the board contracted to purchase Blocks 16 and 17 of the Groth estate for $2,325, provided the patrons of the district approved. On April 25, 1919, a vote on three proposed sites resulted in 66 votes for the Groth site, one for the Willms site, and three for the Heiken site.

S. S. Voigt was employed as architect, and on June 30, 1919, bonds totaling $50,000 were voted for the construction of a new school building. On September 2, 1919, the contract for the building was let, the board accepting the Wichita Construction Company's bid for general contractor.

School began on September 8, 1919, and A. J. Voran, who was the administrator two years earlier, again assumed the responsibility for a one-year term. At the annual meeting on April 9, 1920, it was agreed (1) to have a nine-month school term beginning September 6, 1920, (2) to levy $16,000 for school purposes and expenses in connection with the new school building, (3) to authorize

SENIOR CLASS PLAY - April 29, 1920
Presented in a tent the year before the new school was completed.

IN BACK: Ernst Schroeder, Irene Wagner Mollhagen, Mary Miller Crawford, Genevieve Sullivan Bell, Emma Miller Davis, Nellie Schmidt Schroeder, John Groth, Alva Steinberg Janzen, Horace Pfeiffer, Harold Froning, Mabelle Roskam

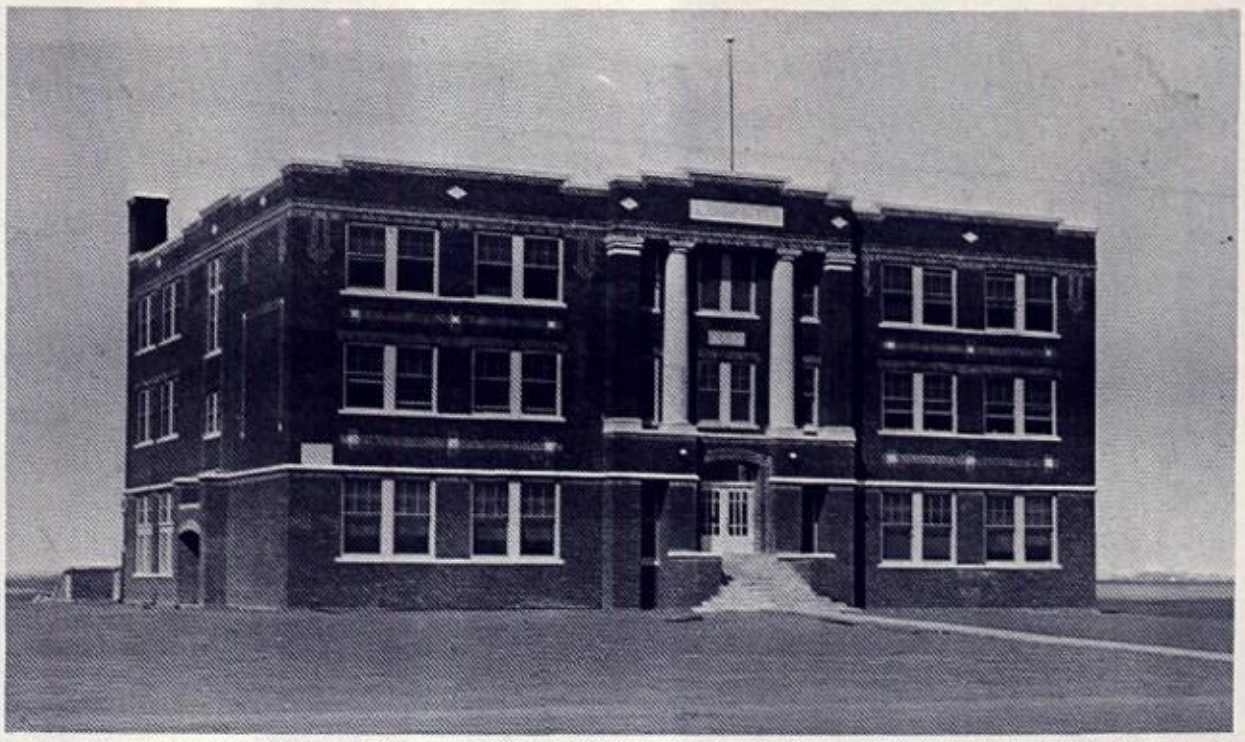
IN FRONT: Ruth Peters Staeber, Julius Pfeiffer, Dorothy Brown, Edna Schmidt Janzen, Mildred Froning Smith

the board to sell the old school building and site, and (4) to form a rural high school district.

RURAL HIGH ORGANIZED

On June 29, 1920, a meeting was called by H. Coover, the county superintendent, for the purpose of electing a board of education for the newly organized Rural High School District No. 1. M. M. Rathbun was elected director; Oscar Wilkens, clerk; and V. H. Wagner, treasurer.

A. C. Adams became the first administrator of the Rural High School, serving three years, 1920-23. On March 12, 1921, the new building was completed at a cost of $64,147.36 and was accepted by the board of District No. 26.



LORRAINE SCHOOLS - Dedicated March 17, 1921
High school and grade school shared building until 1951.

DEDICATION OF NEW BUILDING

The Ellsworth Reporter of March 24, 1921, reports: "[On] Thursday, March 17, [1921], . . . the new $65,000 building was dedicated with fitting ceremonies. School was dismissed for the day, and long before twelve o'clock autos and buggies unloaded their occupants, who had come to participate in the memorable affair. Promptly at twelve o'clock the doors of the building were thrown open, and for several hours a steady stream of people passed

GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM — 1924-25
Champions of Central and Southwestern Kansas

BACK ROW: Coach E. D. Meacham, Letha Schmidt Swanson, Alberta Weihe Thomas, Margaret Kruse Hunt, Maurine Hays Todd, Marie Weihe Ronan
FRONT ROW: Thelma Hays Wilkens, Thelma Janzen Kinner, Margaret Hays Campbell, Vada Wagner Rolfs, Margaret Sullivan Andersen, Mathilda Heitschmidt Doyle

before tables laden with good things to eat. . . . Nothing was lacking. The women were there seeing that everyone had all he could eat and that things were going smoothly . . . It is estimated that 1,000 people were fed at the noon hour, and nearly that many stayed for supper."

During the afternoon, the Lorraine girls' basketball team played the Geneseo girls, and the Lorraine boys played the Geneseo boys. Both lost to Geneseo. The evening exercises included an expression of thanks from the board, some vocal numbers, a short talk from the county superintendent, and an address by the principal speaker, W. E. Huesner.

The new brick structure had many modern conveniences—rest rooms, showers, fountains, steam heat, and electric lighting.

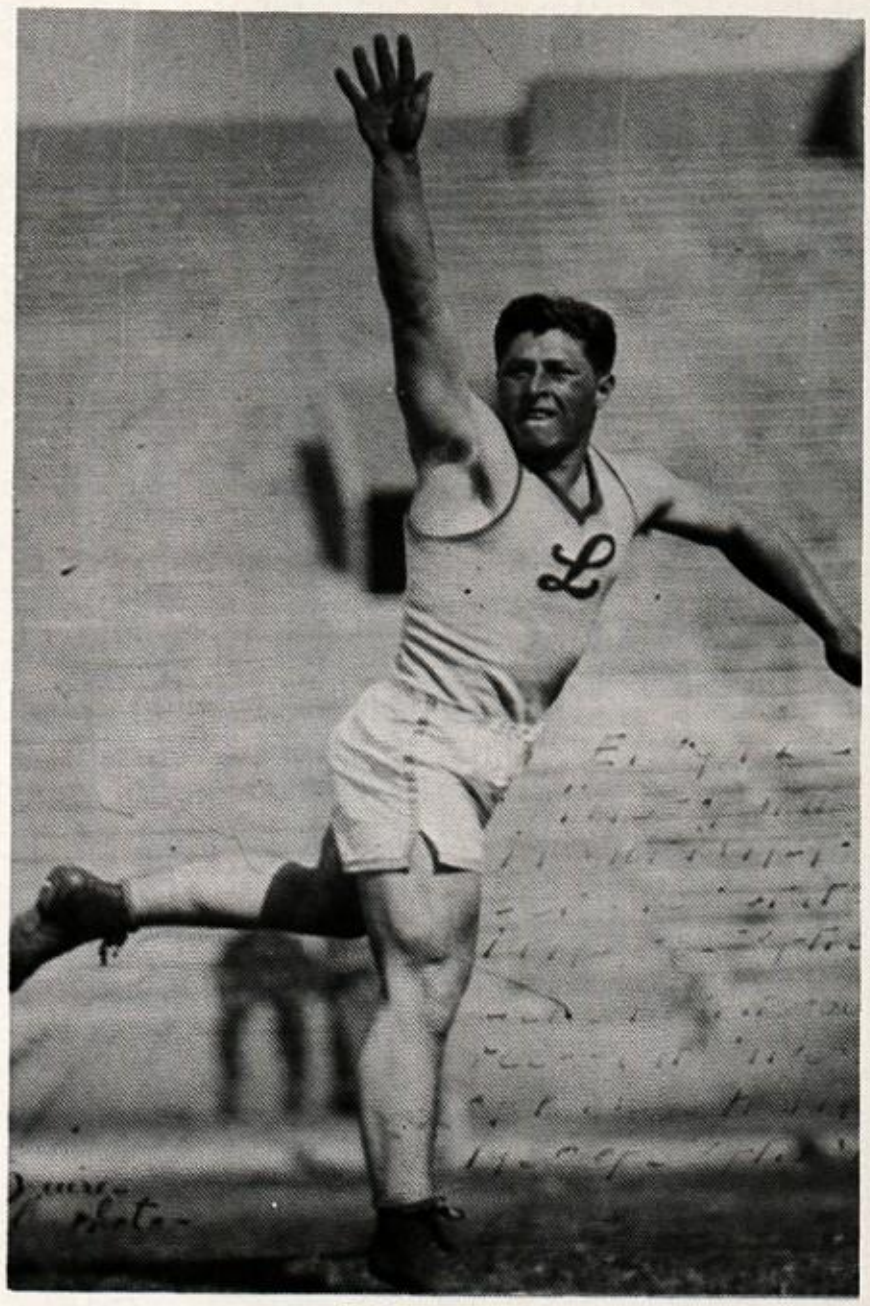
BUILDING SHARED BY TWO DISTRICTS

The Rural High School, which began operation in the old white frame building, moved into the new building, occupying the second floor and the basement. District No. 26 occupied the first floor. It was agreed by the two boards that the Rural High School would pay an annual rental to District No. 26 for that portion of the building occupied by the high school, plus one half the cost of certain other expenses. No rental was charged for the high school's use of the old building.

In the fall of 1923, E. D. Meacham became superintendent of schools and served in that capacity forty years, 1923-63. During the early twenties there was a steady increase in enrollment, and by 1925, fifty-five pupils were enrolled in the high school. School curriculum and school activities were expanded to meet the growing needs of the pupils. Aside from academic achievements, the high school received, during the late twenties and early thirties, many trophies, awards, and honors, especially in musical activities, girls' basketball, and track. Later in the thirties, the school received several baseball trophies.

Enrollment continued to increase, and by 1940, sixty-six students were enrolled in the high school. Boys' basketball began to emerge as the dominate sport, and in 1945 the Lorraine boys, playing in state competition, received second-place honors in the semi-finals.

Some consideration was being given to enlarging the gymnasium as it was small and inadequate. Since the west side of the gymnasium and the stage formed an outside wall of the building, the possibility of making the length of the present playing court the width of a new one and extending the building westward to accommodate a new gymnasium was judiciously considered.



ELWYN DEES

Winner of the State Meet in shot in 1929-30-31. Set a new state record in 1929 of 58 feet 3 1/8 inches. Set a new interscholastic record at the University of Kansas Relays in 1930 of 58 feet 10 inches.

On April 12, 1945, a motion was made and carried to appoint a committee "to circulate a petition for a new gymnasium and other rooms as needed for school purposes." The idea of extending the present gymnasium was abandoned in favor of a new gymnasium as a separate building with the possibility of a few classrooms, language and chemistry being considered. Bonds amounting to $75,000 were voted.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Fifty years had passed since the organization of the Lorraine Union School, and on Friday, May 21, 1948, the last day of school, Mrs. Merle Rathbun, president of the P.T.A., presided at the fiftieth anniversary celebration. Walter Steinberg, son of H. L. Steinberg, represented the first school board; Johanna Janssen represented the first teachers; and Emma Mohney Murphy represented the first high school graduates. E. D. Meacham, superintendent of schools, challenged

LORRAINE RURAL HIGH SCHOOL
Completed 1951

"Huskies"

the patrons to increase the bonds voted in 1945 for a new gymnasium and vocational building. Everyone present received a piece of the huge birthday cake as they filed onto the playground for games and fun.

BUILDING EFFORT RENEWED

At a special meeting on December 13, 1948, it was moved and seconded "to vote on going ahead with building plans." Results of the vote were 28 Yes and 3 No. It was then moved and seconded "to make the gymnasium regulation size, 50 feet by 84 feet." It carried.

A petition, dated January 7, 1949, called for a school bond election for the purpose of purchasing a school site and of constructing a high school building. On February 21, 1949, the patrons of the district voted 109 to 28 for school bonds amounting to $125,000. Mann and Company was employed as architects, and on Wednesday, December 7, 1949, at 2 p.m. bids for the construction of a high school were opened. Of the eight bids for general contractor, Busboom and Rauh of Salina had the low bid of $127,000 and was awarded the contract. On January 4, 1950, Rural High School District No. 1, paying $700, purchased

PLACED SECOND IN STATE IN CLASS BB COMPETITION - 1957

BACK ROW: Melvin Rolfs, Robert Roth, Ted Rathbun, Melvin Splitter, Gene Mehl
MIDDLE ROW: Jerry Rolfs, Arthur Boeken, Raymond Katzenmeier, Ronald Swalley, Richard Janssen
FRONT ROW: Larry Schroeder, Arlo Janssen, Ronald Soeken, Larry Kratzer, Ronald Rolfs, Coach Kenneth Pritchett

BOYS' BASKETBALL TROPHIES OF LHS

Year	League Tourney	League	District	Regional	State
1962	3rd		1st		
1959		2nd	2nd		
1958	1st	1st	1st	2nd	
1957	2nd	1st	1st	1st	2nd
1956	2nd	2nd	2nd	2nd	
1954			2nd		
1953	1st	2nd	1st		
1952	1st	1st	1st	1st	
1951	3rd		2nd		
1950		1st	1st	2nd	
1948	1st	1st	1st		
1947	1st	1st	3rd		
1946	3rd		3rd		
1945	3rd	1st	1st	1st	2nd*
1944	1st	1st	1st		
1941	2nd	1st	2nd		
1940		1st	3rd		
1939			2nd		

1936 received a 2nd place KSHSAA trophy
1935 received a 2nd place Rice Co. trophy
1931 received a 2nd place KSHSAA trophy
1930 received a 2nd place Rice Co. trophy

*Semi-finals

Block 6 of the Groth estate as a part of the school site. Construction soon got under way, and after some delays, the building was completed in early 1951.

Since basketball had triggered the building project, it seemed only fitting that the first event held in the new high school should be a basketball game. When the doors were opened to the public on February 16, 1951, Lorraine High School played Bushton. The following evening, the town team played Sterling, completing the initiation of the new gymnasium.

Basketball continued to be the dominate sport, and Lorraine was honored to have been represented in the state basketball tournament in 1952 and again in 1957.

The size of the playing court plus the seating capacity of the gymnasium made it possible to hold many school events in the building, including basketball tournaments and band clinics. But the biggest event ever held in the building was on June 1, 1963, when E. D. Meacham, who, after forty years as superintendent of schools, was honored.

The account that follows was taken in part from the Ellsworth Messenger:

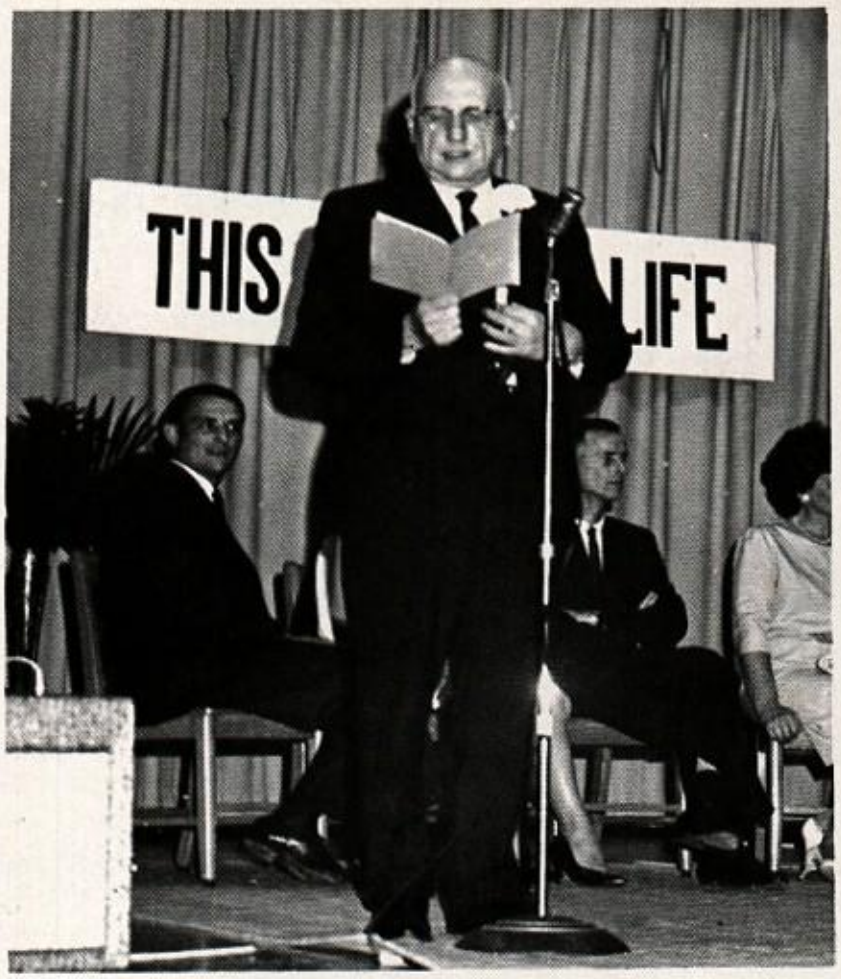
"A crowd, estimated at 700 people, which filled the gymnasium of the Lorraine High School and included LHS alumni, present and former teachers, and friends of the E. D. Meacham family, came to pay their respects to "Prof" and Mrs. Meacham, Saturday evening, saluting Supt. Meacham on retirement after forty years as head of the Lorraine schools.

"It was homecoming for Lorraine, and all during the day class reunions were held and old friendships renewed.

"The evening program was worked out along the lines of the television program, This Is Your Life, with Ron Rolfs in charge as master of ceremonies. First to come forth were the five Meacham children, followed by their husbands and wives and all the grandchildren. . . . Ruth Flanders, . . . next to come on stage, . . . was a member of the faculty during Mr. Meacham's first years of teaching in Lorraine. From that point the memory parade continued down through the years, with the Meacham career highlighted against the background of school and community. . .

"Climax of the 'Life' program was presentations made by Mrs. Opal Weinhold, county superintendent, and Rep. Randle Rolfs, an alumnus. Mrs. Weinhold, representing the teachers of the county, presented the Meachams a bronze book plaque, appropriately inscribed. Rep. Rolfs handed Supt. Meacham a check for $1200, a gift from the alumni and community. . .

"A sack of letters from alumni who were unable to attend was presented by Emcee Rolfs, and each letter was a warm expression of appreciation to a teacher who had come to mean more and more . . . [to them] through the years. . . 'You have truly been an inspiring example to many of us,' were the words of one alumnus, which summed the messages expressed by all."



"PROF" MEACHAM - THIS IS YOUR LIFE

SCHOOL UNIFICATION

The school unification act of 1963 was passed by the legislature after an earlier bill, similar in nature, was declared unconstitutional by the courts. County planning boards were set up to work out districts. A two-district plan was approved by a narrow margin by the patrons of the county in September, 1964. Effective July 1, 1966, Rural High School District No. 1 will, by law, become disorganized and will become a part of Unified School District No. 328.

In the fall of 1963 Kellye Hart became principal of the high school and held that position until the close of school in 1966.

The following is an account (October 3, 1965) of the way James Barr Fugate, area editor for the Great Bend Tribune, saw the high school's last year of operation.

To walk the halls of this oldest consolidated school in the state, here in the little town of Lorraine, is like walking in a dream.

Here is a modern high-school building, erected in 1951, complete with every convenience, every device necessary to prepare a hundred or more young people for college and the entire student body consists of only eleven youngsters: five freshmen, two sophomores, three juniors, and one senior—four girls and seven boys.

Yet, surprisingly enough, in this unusually quiet atmosphere, there are tremendous advantages one would never expect to find.

Principal Kellye Hart, conducting a tour of the building that will know no more high school classes after next spring, paused before the glass in each classroom door to explain, "This is our advanced mathematics class." (There were two students listening to a teacher solving a problem at the chalkboard.) "Our Spanish I class here." (Again only two students, but both were reading intently a conversation from a book.) "Here is our chemistry class." (One pupil listened to a lecturing teacher.) The feeling of being in a dream world is very strong.

The tour continued: home economics, (two complete kitchens and four sewing machines in two large, airy classrooms), the typing room, (with excellent equipment) the library and study hall.

Here is a machine geared for much greater numbers. Yet paradoxically, Lorraine is offering 23 units, or classes, this year and it is staffed by seven full-time teachers and a part-time music instructor and a part-time counselor. And five of these 23 classes have only one student in attendance!

In reply to a question about too few students, Hart said, "Oddly enough, we've found some unexpected advantages—the obvious one is individual instruction for the student, of course, and in some instances it amounts to an actual tutorship. One hears a greatt deal about individual help for students, but until he sees its effect in an exaggerated situation such as ours, he can't believe the difference it can make.

"But the most surprising thing of all," Hart continued, "is the attitude of the students. Before the parents met and discussed the situation, it was thought by some that a school for only eleven students would not work. Contrary to that notion, it is working better than ever, the students seem to have the attitude, 'This is fun!' Without the conflicting currents found in a larger group, the students seem to be able to concentrate easily and more effectively. And their attitude seems to be that of a special, even privileged set. Some of our classes are working on material well in advance of what they would study if the class were of the usual size. An old fact is being made very clear: the fewer pupils per teacher, the more attention each pupil receives. And attention is the best guarantee for learning. Actually, these eleven students may be luckier than they know."

Hart pointed out that it was going to be "Business As Usual" this last year of their existence. They plan to participate in the league music clinics and in the speech and drama festivals and to enter the district and state functions as always. They also plan to enter the State Scholarship Contest in which the school placed fourth last year and third the year before.

Asked about the plans of the seven teachers for the next year, Hart said, "We feel it is too early to think of that. It may be that some of them will continue in the new unified district.

"But for the present, we work just as hard as we ever did. Preparing a lesson for a class of one is just as painstaking an effort as it is for a class of twenty-one. In fact, it can be even more so.

"Lorraine High School has a long history of accomplishment. Many of its graduates have done very well in the world. We, the teachers of its last year, intend to maintain to the end that same standard of accomplishment."

And, watching the birth of school unification and the end of the era of the small rural high school, it is the feeling of many townspeople that Kellye Hart and his fellow teachers, will give their children the best.

LAST STUDENT BODY

OF

LORRAINE RURAL HIGH SCHOOL

BACK ROW: Principal Kellye Hart, Cynthia Dobrinski, Lois Kratzer, Janice Splitter, Elaine Peters

FRONT ROW: Michael Jimison, Ray Browning, Kenneth Dobrinski, Dennis Myers, Dale Dobrinski, Gregory Smith, Donald Mehl

Did You Know

—that on the southeast corner of the present grade school building there is, at the first-story level, the inscription "First Consolidated School in Kansas, June 8, 1898?

—that W. S. Bean, the school's first principal, was paid $55 per month for the school year 1898-99?

—that the high school's first year of operation began on October 1, 1900, and closed on April 26, 1901?

—that in 1912 a number of the county's schools introduced sewing for the girls and whittling for the boys as an exercise once a week?

—that in 1919 authorization was given by the board to install a telephone in the school?

—that the Session Laws of 1919 stated that $5 per teacher employed must be expended annually for the purchase of library books?

—that a motion to employ three high school teachers for the 1921-22 school year was defeated?

—that the Kansas Rural-School Bulletin of 1922 states on page 39, "Since 1897 the statutes of Kansas have provided for the consolidation of rural schools. . . The first consolidated school in the state was organized in Ellsworth County in 1898?

—that Mr. Gahnstrom directed the first high school orchestra in the 1922-23 school year.

—that on April 10, 1924, at a board meeting the motion, "That the Bible be used in High School" was amended to read "That the Bible be read every morning in High School"?

—that on April 6, 1925, the high school paid $2.25 for cobs and kindling?

—that in 1927 the assessed valuation of Rural High School District No. 1 was $3,036,360 and that five years later the valuation had dropped almost a million dollars and that in 1966 it had risen to almost nine million dollars?

—that on October 1, 1927, the grade and high schools jointly purchased a Packard piano for $395?

—that in the fall of 1930 typewriting was first offered in the high school and that Remington Rand typewriters were used?

—that caps and gowns were first worn by the graduating class of 1930?

—that in 1933 there were seventy-five organized school districts in Ellsworth County and that in 1944 fifty-two of these districts were still operating and that in 1966 the number had been reduced to two?

—that a motion was made, seconded, and carried on April 9, 1943, that a request be sent to the State Historical Society, from District No. 26, that due recognition be given the fact that this was the first consolidated school district to be organized west of the Mississippi River?

—that on April 7, 1949, Rural High School District No. 1 went on record as opposing Federal Aid to Education and the secretary was instructed to send a letter of protest to the senator and representative from this area?

—that Edw. B. Staeber served as a member of the board of education longer than anyone else—a total of twenty-six continuous years, 1940-66?

—that Dale Dobrinski (class of 1966) became the 525th and last graduate of Lorraine High School?

Administrators 1898-1966

Not Pictured

W. S. Bean
1898-99
1900-03

W. A. Ward
1899-1900

J. C. Anderson
1906-07

D. L. KATTERJOHN
1903-06, 1907-09

ED ROTH
1909-10

BERNARD FRIESEN
1910-13

FRED C. MILLER
1913-15

A. J. VORAN
1915-17, 1919-20

HARRY H. HAURY
1917-18

CHARLOTTE MORTON
1918-19

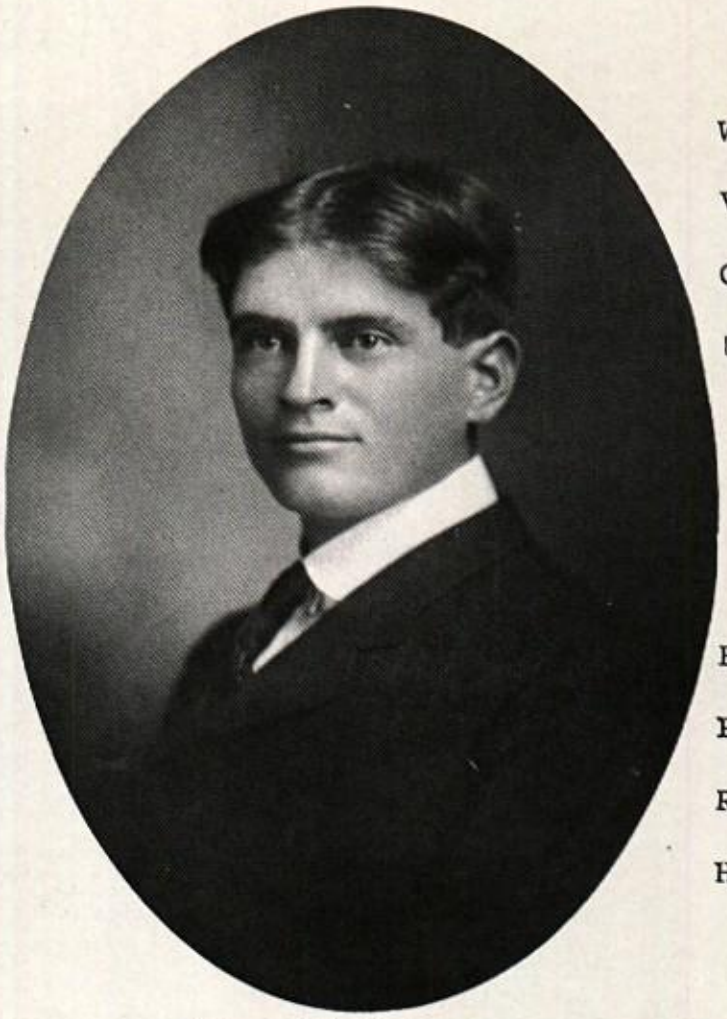
A. C. ADAMS
1920-23

E. D. MEACHAM
1923-63

KELLYE HART
1963-66

Class of 1902

*Emma Mohney Murphy



Edgar Steinberg

FACULTY

W. S. Bean

Valeria A. Bean

Georgia Dulebohn

Estell Maud

BOARD OF EDUCATION

P. D. Miller

R. W. Cook

Herman L. Steinberg

*Deceased

Class of 1903

Calvin Cook

FACULTY

W. S. Bean

Mary Kolachny

Winfred Martin

BOARD OF EDUCATION

W. Davis

R. W. Cook

H. L. Steinberg

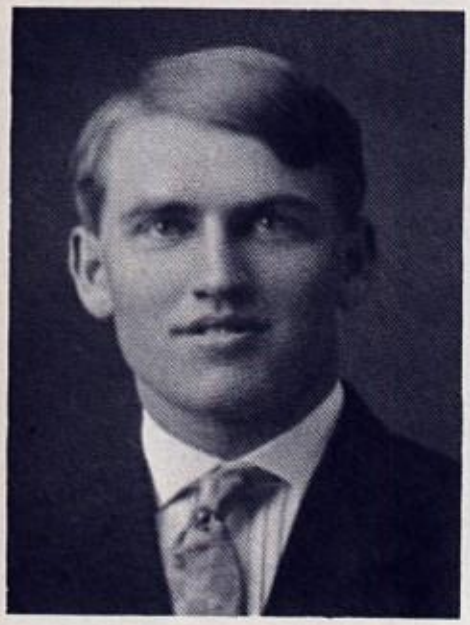
All faculty members and all board of of education members listed from 1902 through 1920 are for both grade school and high school. After 1920 they are for the high school only.

Classes of 1904 and 1905

*Joseph Melchert
1904

*Bertha Steinberg Friesen
1904 and 1905

*Silas Mohney
1904 and 1905



Henry Froning
1904 and 1905

Edith Mohney Hendrickson
1904 and 1905

*James Ogden
1904 and 1905

Edgar Steinberg
1905

*Deceased

Except for Joseph Melchert, the graduates of 1904, along with Edgar Steinberg (class of 1902), enrolled for and completed the third-year course which was added in the fall of 1904. Thus they became the class of 1905.

1904

FACULTY	BOARD OF EDUCATION
D. L. Katterjohn	R. W. Cook
Ida Fowler	H. L. Steinberg
Maggie McKillrick	Not known
Mary Kolachny	

1905

FACULTY	BOARD OF EDUCATION
D. L. Katterjohn	H. B. Mohlman
Ella Bernstorf	R. W. Cook
Beatrice Hall	H. L. Steinberg
Ruth Peirano	

Class of 1906

*Hannah Preuss

Louis Holzer

FACULTY

D. L. Katterjohn

Katherina Essick

Henrietta Martin

Beatrice Hall

BOARD OF EDUCATION

H. B. Mohlman

W. J. Splitter

R. Koppenhaven

*Deceased

1907

There were no graduates in 1907.

FACULTY

J. C. Anderson

Carolyne Hall

Mary Kolachny

Eva Williamson

BOARD OF EDUCATION

W. J. Splitter

Not known

Not known

Class of 1908

STANDING: Louis Heiken, Henrietta Janssen Homfeld, Frances Janssen Schroeder, *Albert Kroesch
SEATED: *Henry Preuss, Grace Cook Gregory, D. L. Katterjohn - Superintendent, Carrie Henricks Kroesch, *August Janssen

*Deceased

FACULTY

D. L. Katterjohn

Carolyne Hall

Grace Hallen

Edith Mohney

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Philip Mohney

W. J. Splitter

Henry N. Groth

Class of 1909

STANDING: *John Mohney, Andrew Ogden, Edna Cook Bronleewe, *Walter Melchert
SEATED: Katherine Mohlman Wingert, *Minnie Preuss, D. L. Katterjohn - Superintendent, Myrtle Mohney, Herta Stracke

*Deceased

FACULTY

D. L. Katterjohn

Beatrice Hall

W. E. McCord

Ella Wagner

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Philip Mohney

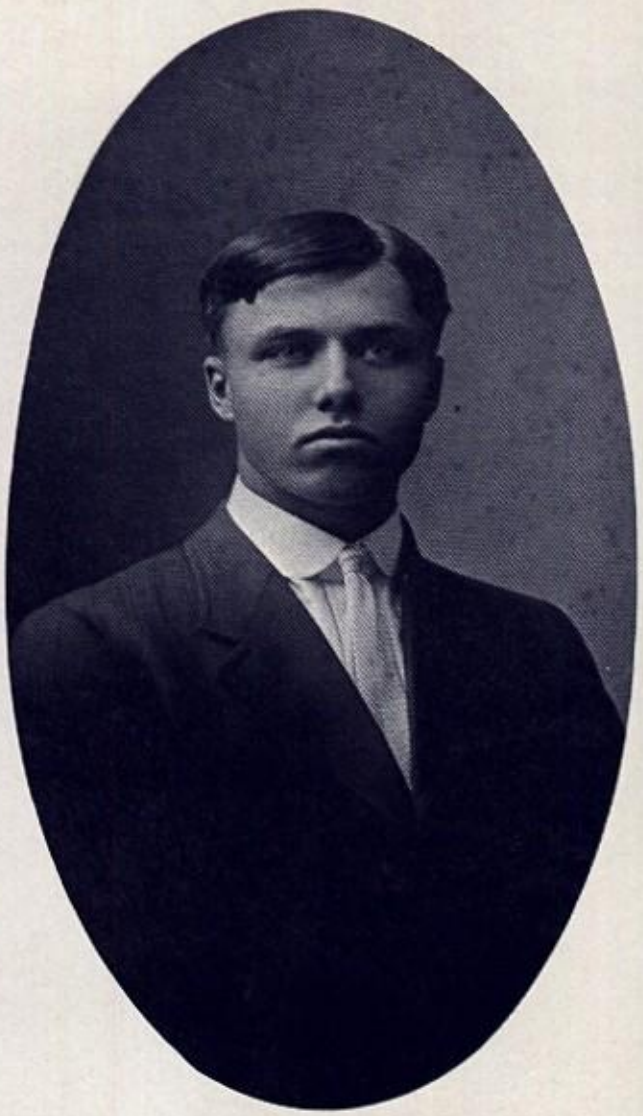
W. J. Splitter

Walter Steinberg

Class of 1910

Lillian Melchert Mollhagen

Lois McCoid



Edward W. Rolfs

FACULTY	BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ed Roth	P. Mohney
Louie Cadwell	W. J. Splitter
Nellie Pratt	Walter Steinberg

*Ed Kroesch

Class of 1911

FACULTY	BOARD OF EDUCATION
B. J. Friesen	H. B. Mohlman
Georgia Forkner	W. J. Splitter
Charlotte Morton	Walter Steinberg
Emma Wroble	

*Deceased

August Heitman

Class of 1912

FACULTY

B. J. Friesen

Ed Enruh

Edda Higham

Emma Wroble

BOARD OF EDUCATION

H. B. Mohlman

W. J. Splitter

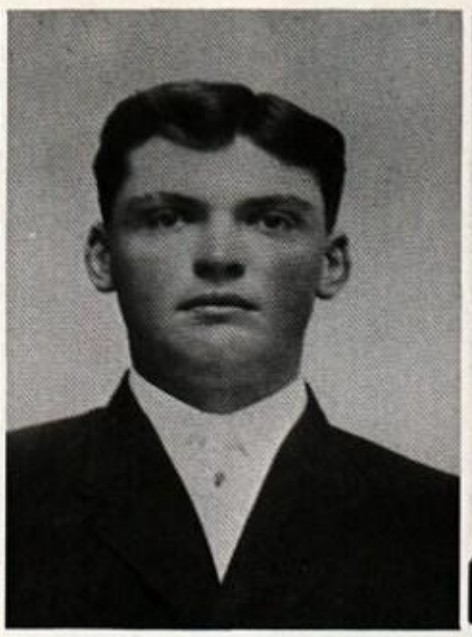
Walter Steinberg

Fredia Hein Church

Class of 1913

Frieda Homfeld

Frances Splitter Wesseler



*Henry Ploog

Fred Janssen

FACULTY

B. J. Friesen

Ed Enruh

Georgia Forkner

Emma Wroble

BOARD OF EDUCATION

George Heitman

W. J. Splitter

Walter Steinberg

*Deceased

Class of 1914

Walter Preuss

*Minnie Groth Hensley

Henry Keller

Clarence Homfeld

Clarence Schmidt

Fred Colberg

*Deceased

FACULTY

Fred C. Miller

Ed Enruh

Albina Hanzlicek

Emma Wroble

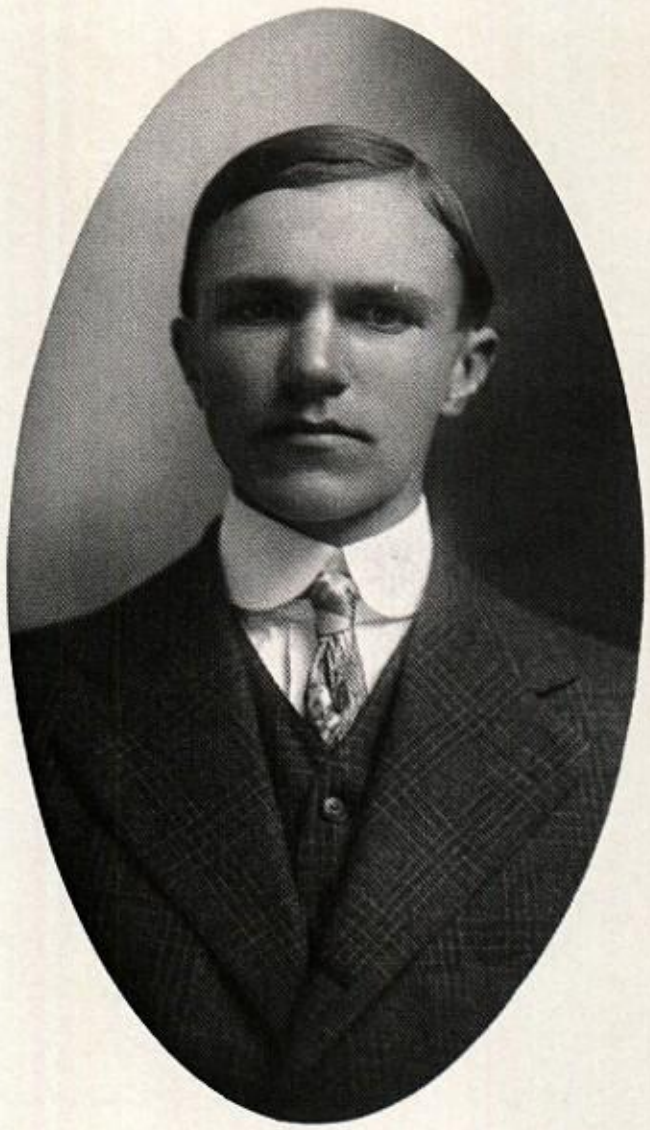
BOARD OF EDUCATION

George Heitman

W. J. Splitter

Walter Steinberg

Class of 1915



*Rosa Janzen Wilkens

Harm L. Splitter

FACULTY

Fred C. Miller

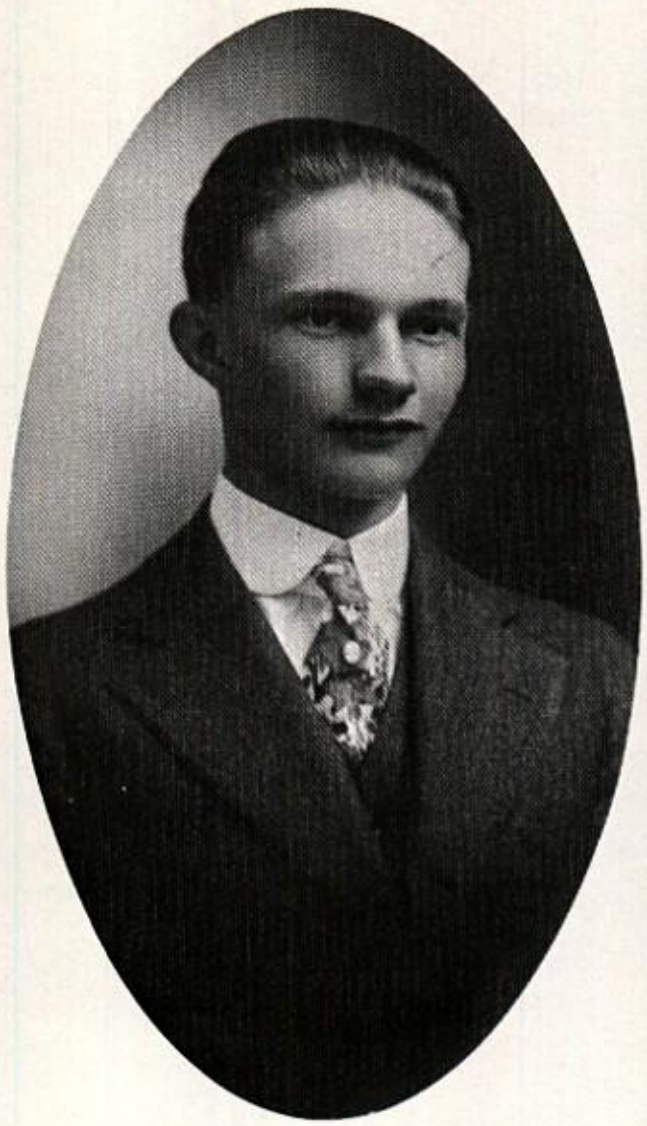
Edward Enruh

Albina Hanzlecek

Emma Wroble

William C. Janssen

Kurt K. Kecker



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Walter Steinberg

George Heitman

W. J. Splitter

*Deceased

Class of 1916

TOP ROW: Walter R. Schmidt, Harold Brown, Flora L. Boeken Adrian, Sadie Janssen Kruse
BOTTOM ROW: Arthur F. Becker, *Clara Schmidt, Bertha Ploog Walker, *Alva L. Heitman Skiles, Elsie Schacht Schmidt

*Deceased

FACULTY

A. J. Voran

Edward Enruh

Mary Burno

Margaret Aldrich

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Paul Peters

W. J. Splitter

H. G. Bronleewe

1917

There were no graduates in 1917 because the high school was changed from a three-year to a four-year high school.

FACULTY

A. J. Voran

Charlotte Morton

James Church

Albina Hanzlecek

Blanche Stricklin

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Paul Peters

W. J. Splitter

H. G. Bronleewe

Class of 1918

Anna Schroeder Wesseler

Edward C. Janzen

FACULTY

Harry H. Haury

Charlotte Morton

Mildred Pfeiffer

Hallie Bell

Grace Stephens

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Paul Peters

Henry Janssen

H. G. Bronleewe

Class of 1919

Victor A. Groth

Hulda J. Dressler

FACULTY

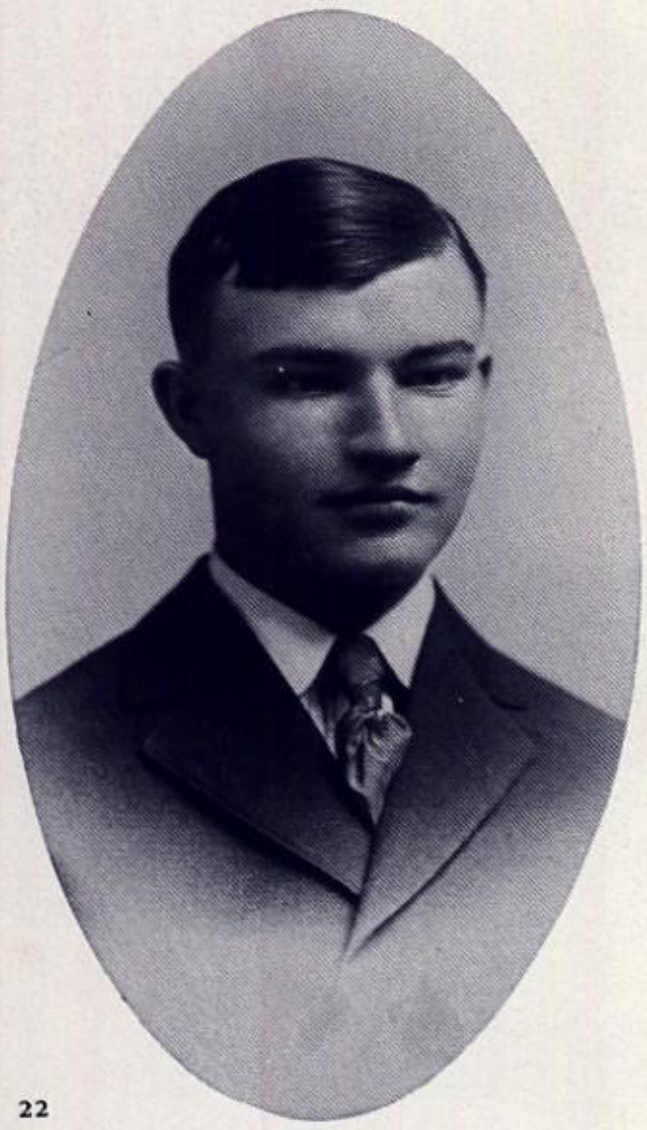
Charlotte Morton

Elizabeth C. Stewart

Mildred Pfeiffer

Hallie Bell

Beatrice Allen



*Herbert Pfeiffer

Anna Heitman Van Dalsen

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Paul Peters

Henry Janssen

H. G. Bronleewe

*Deceased

Class of 1920

TOP ROW: Horace Pfeiffer, Emma Miller Davis, Irene Wagner Mollhagen
BOTTOM ROW: Edna Schmidt Janzen, Nellie Schmidt Schroeder, Alva Steinberg Janzen

FACULTY

A. J. Voran

Cleo Stricklin

BOARD OF EDUCATION

M. M. Rathbun

Oscar Wilkens

V. H. Wagner

Class of 1921

TOP ROW: Julius Pfeiffer, Mary Lough - Teacher, A. C. Adams - Superintendent
BOTTOM ROW: Mabelle Roskam, John Groth, Ruth Peters Staeber

FACULTY

A. C. Adams

Mary Lough

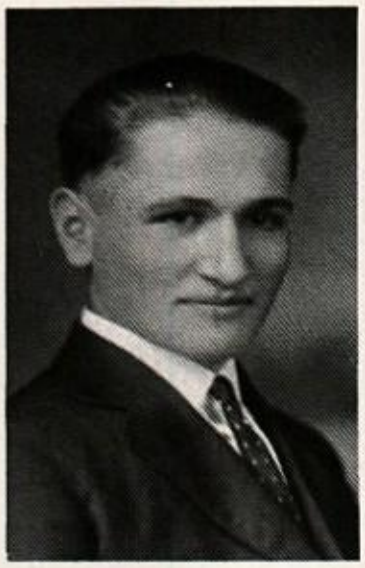
BOARD OF EDUCATION

M. M. Rathbun

V. H. Wagner

Oscar Wilkens

Class of 1922



TOP ROW: Harold G. Heitman, Dorothy Henry Hold, Mary Miller Crawford
BOTTOM ROW: *Herman A. Becker, Genevieve Sullivan Bell, Vera Schmidt Heitman, Bernice G. Steinberg

*Deceased

FACULTY

A. C. Adams

Ruth Flanders

Mary Lough

A. J. Voran

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Henry Becker

V. H. Wagner

Oscar Wilkens

Class of 1923

BACK ROW: Merle Hopkins, Oliver Schmidt, A. C. Adams - Superintendent
FRONT ROW: Wilbert Janzen, *Bessie Brown Pettie, Ada Boeken Comstock, Florence Murph Schacht
INSET: Katharine Dressler

*Deceased

FACULTY

A. C. Adams

Ruth Flanders

Mary Lough

A. J. Voran

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Henry Becker

Louis B. Splitter

Oscar Wilkens

Class of 1924

BACK ROW: Robert Rolfs, Victor Splitter, Delmar Mehl, Alvin Voran, E. D. Meacham - Superintendent, *Clarence Peters, Kenneth Hopkins
FRONT ROW: Myrtle Kruse Kornelson, Louise Becker, Theodora Weihe Potwin, Nellie Janzen Nelson, Delinda Janssen Strong, Marie Ploog Tieleman

*Deceased

FACULTY

E. D. Meacham

A. J. Voran

Ruth Flander

Mary Lough

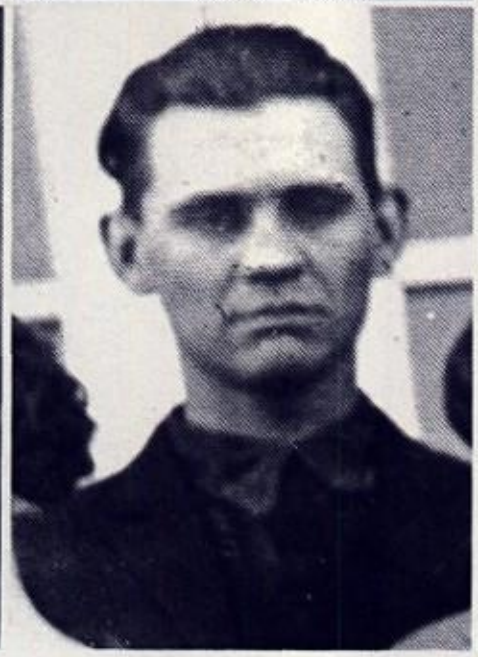
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Henry Becker

Louis B. Splitter

Oscar Wilkens

Class of 1925



TOP ROW: Maureen Hays Todd, Thelma Janzen Kinner
MIDDLE ROW: Harvey Kruse, Thelma Hays Wilkens, Marie Weihe Ronan, Anna Miller Enberg
BOTTOM ROW: Alma Schroeder Ballah, George Henry, Theodore Wilkens, Ethel Splitter Mehl

FACULTY

E. D. Meacham
Ruth Flanders
A. J. Voran
Bertha Wentworth

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Henry Becker
Louis B. Splitter
Oscar Wilkens

Class of 1926

STANDING: Mary Lough - Teacher, Art Boeken, Carmen Camp, #Kenneth Dees, Eurbin Gregory, #Irene Steinberg Kohrs, Louis W. Splitter, #Helen Melchert Piper, #Margaret Kruse Hunt, #Randle Rolfs
SEATED: Harvey Roskam, #Velma Melchert Schacht, Guy Folk, Leona Kootz Stoltenberg, #Wallace Janssen, #Olive Dressler Mehl

#Graduates

FACULTY

E. D. Meacham
Ruth Flanders
Mary Alice Marshall
A. J. Voran

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Henry Becker
Louis B. Splitter
Oscar Wilkens

Class of 1927

STANDING: #Harold Wilkens, #Louis Splitter, Waldo Schmidt, #*Dallas Schmidt, E. D. Meacham - Superintendent
SEATED: #Hannah Holzer Marsh, #Frances Wilkens Blum, #Vada Wagner Rolfs, #*Leatha Schmidt Swanson, #Edith Mollhagen Christy, #Hazel Becker Roth

#Graduates
*Deceased

FACULTY

E. D. Meacham

A. J. Voran

Ruth Flanders

Max Huebner

Isabelle Cassell

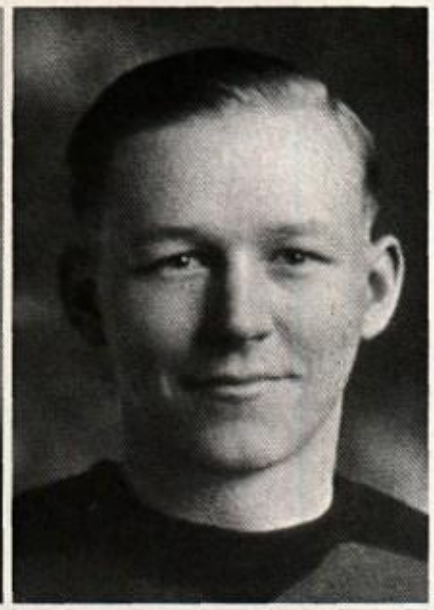
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Henry Becker

Louis B. Splitter

Oscar Wilkens

Class of 1928



TOP ROW: Emil Ploog, *Paul Peters Jr., Gordon Janssen, Irene Lehnus Graves, Ruth Lang Murra
MIDDLE ROW: Elmer Kruse, *Hertha Dobrinski Strella, Lorena Ehrlich Thompson, *Rolland Wilkens, James Doyle
BOTTOM ROW: Vera Schroeder Higgins, Mathilda Heitschmidt Doyle, Orville Voran, Alberta Weihe Thomas, *Robert Schroeder
*Deceased

FACULTY

E. D. Meacham

Blanche Lapham

A. J. Voran

Max Huebner

Dorothy Wolfe

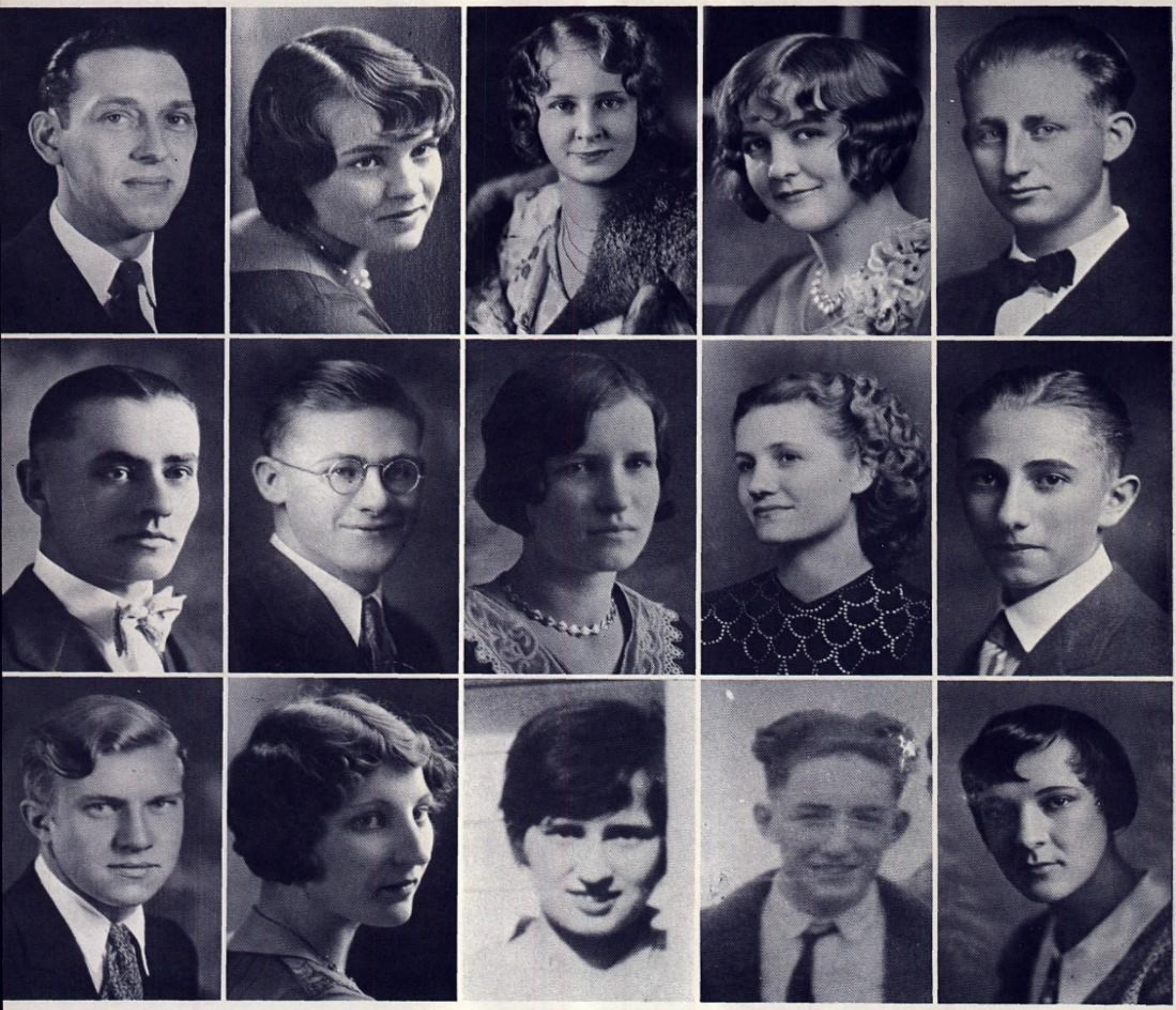
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Henry Becker

Louis B. Splitter

Oscar Wilkens

Class of 1929



TOP ROW: Wes Dressler, Velma Stassen Peters, Ellen Steinberg Truhlar Ruth Schroeder Wilkens, Gerald Peters
MIDDLE ROW: William Kootz, Cecil Marshall, Helen Kruse Wilkens, Lois Schmidt Janssen, *Marvin Janssen
BOTTOM ROW:: *Alvin Bronleewe, LaVerne Schmidt Bronleewe, Ruby Melchert Ploog, Spencer Smith, Edrie Wagner Dressler
*Deceased

FACULTY

E. D. Meacham

Milton Kroth Geo. Owen Watson

Blanche Lapham Dorothy Wolfe

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Harry Mollhagen

Louis B. Splitter

Oscar Wilkens

Class of 1930

BACK ROW: Edward Willms, Arthur Dobrinski, E. D. Meacham - Superintendent, *Chester Kruse, *William Bingle, Leland Janssen
FRONT ROW: *Marvin Folk, Ethel Holzer Dobrinski, Myrtle Weihe Schroeder, Florence Kruse Westerman, Marie Westphal Johnson, Olive Schroeder, Allen Marshall

*Deceased

FACULTY

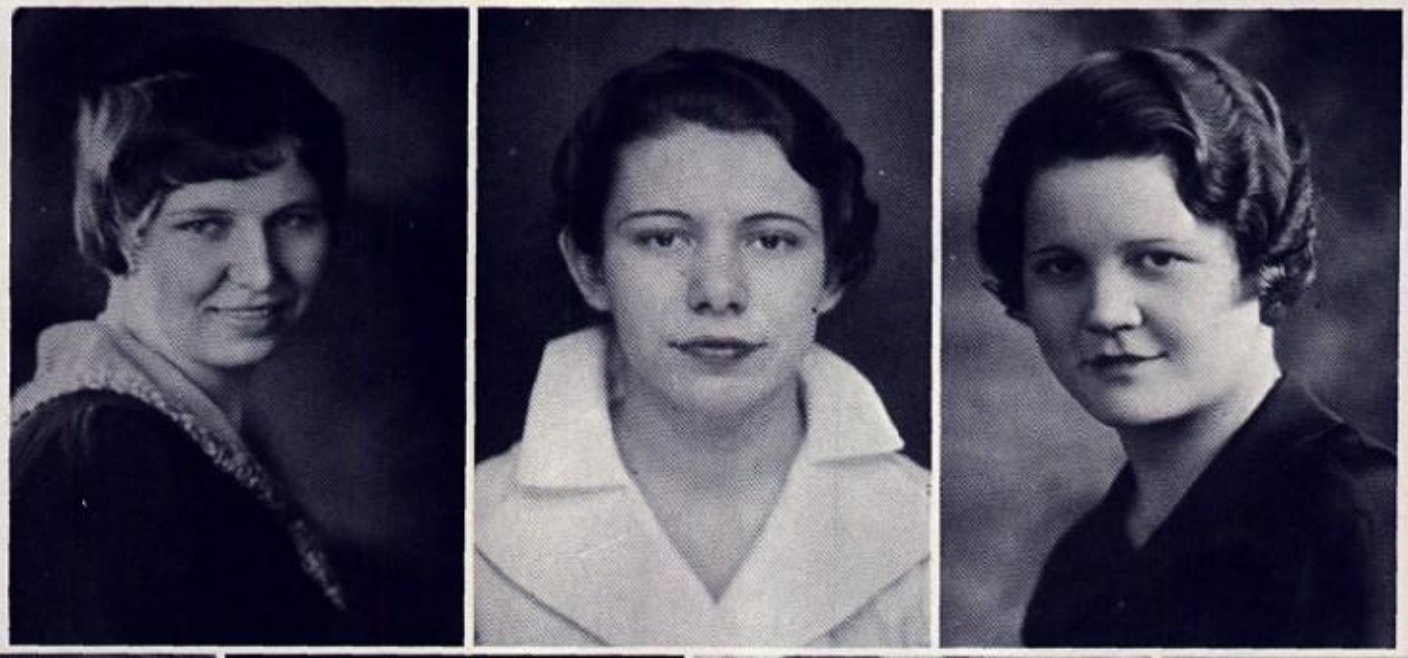
E. D. Meacham

Marie Floyd
Mary Alice Holiday
Milton Kroth
Louise Luncheford

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Harry Mollhagen
Louis B. Splitter
Oscar Wilkens

Class of 1931



TOP ROW: Verna Melchert Janssen, Eunice Schmidt Dean, Melva Janssen Splitter
MIDDLE ROW: Albert Kootz, Olive Brown Warner, Mildred Heitschmidt Schultz, John Doyle
BOTTOM ROW: Elwyn Dees, Herschel Janssen, *Clarence Wilkens, *Edwin Farewill

*Deceased

FACULTY

E. D. Meacham

Bernice Eaton — Milton Kroth

Mary Alice Holiday — Louise Luncheford

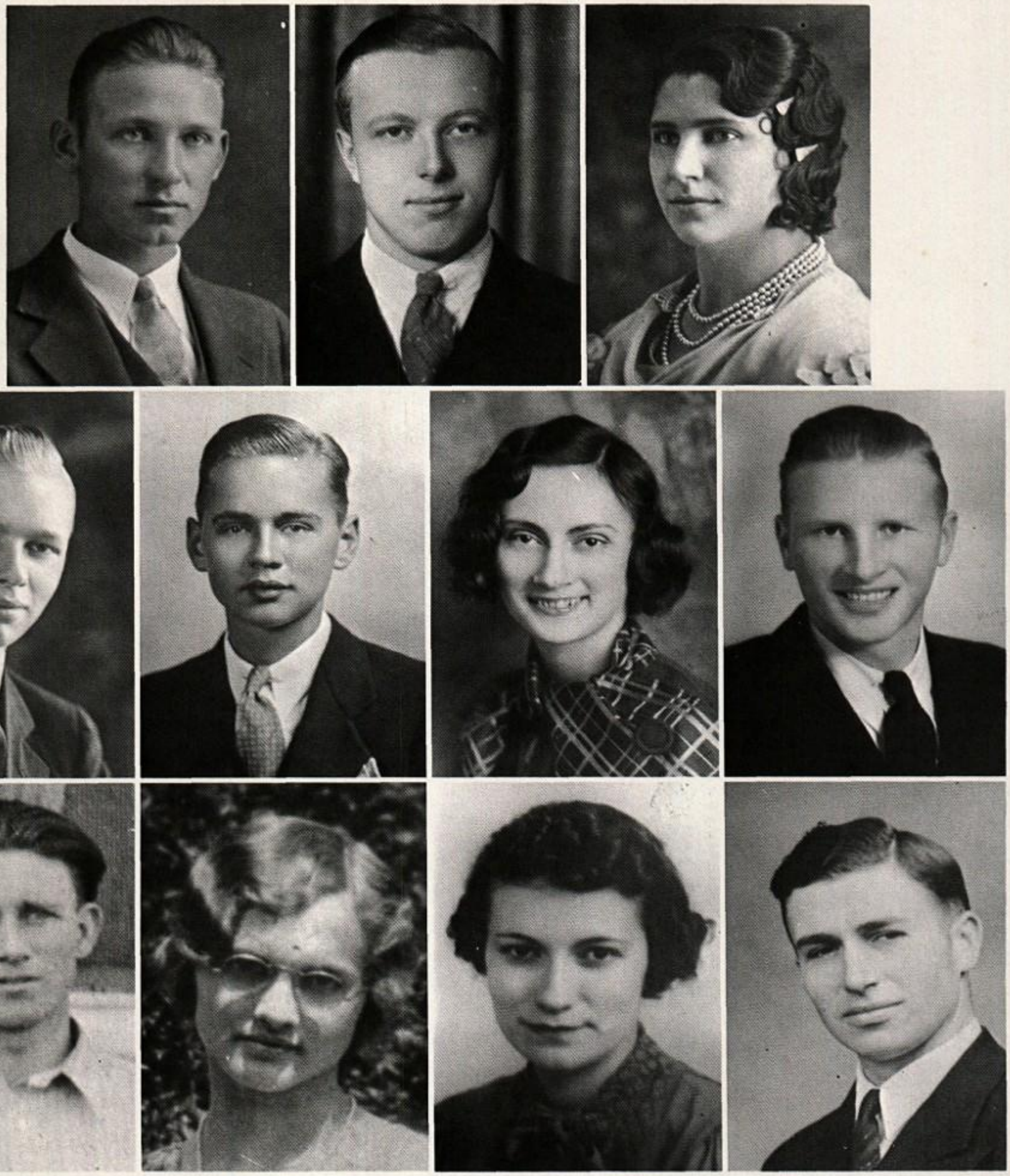
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Oscar Wilkens

Alfred Janssen

W. H. Melchert

Class of 1932



TOP ROW: Roy Dressler, Vernon Splitter, Ethel Rathbun Rizor
MIDDLE ROW: Gordon Schroeder, *Spencer Ehrlich, Ardith Murphy Griffith, Kenneth Wilkens
BOTTOM ROW: Okal Valodine, Hazel Kruse Christensen, Caroline Janssen Socolofsky, Carl Dobrinski

*Deceased

FACULTY

E. D. Meacham

Bernice Eaton

Helen Money

Milton Kroth

Alice Tribble

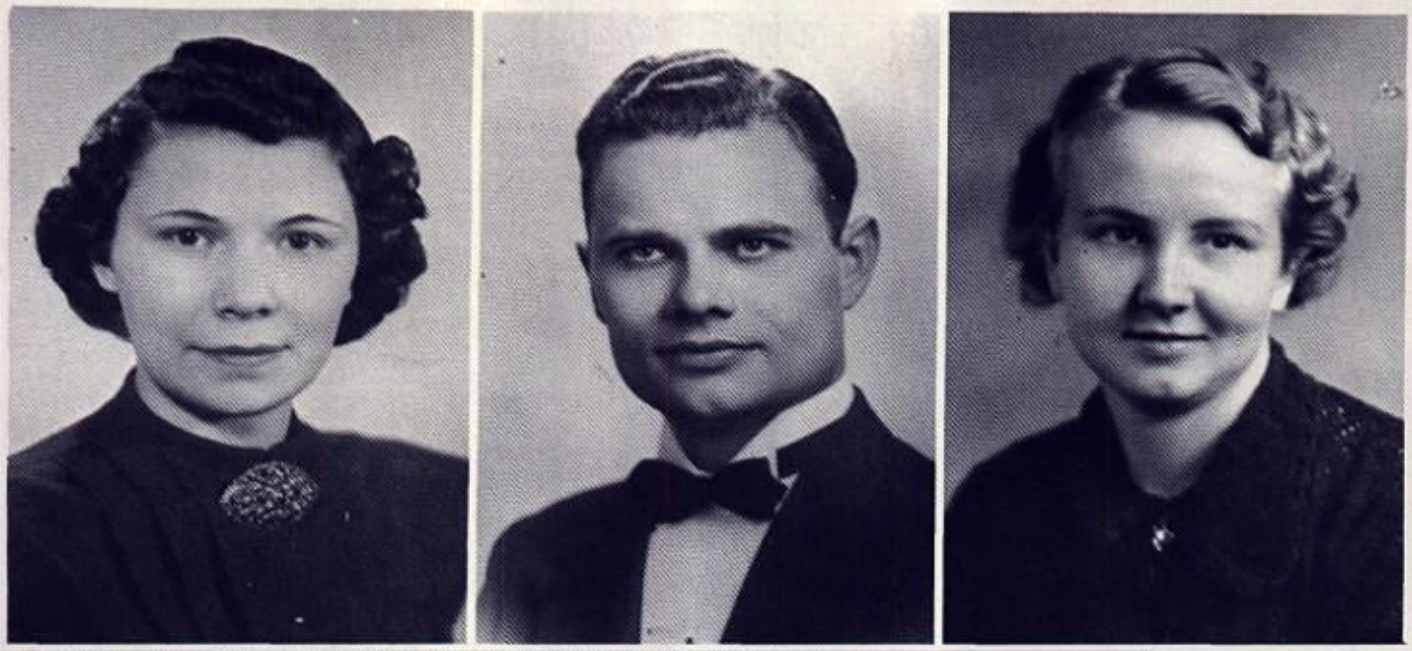
BOARD OF EDUCATION

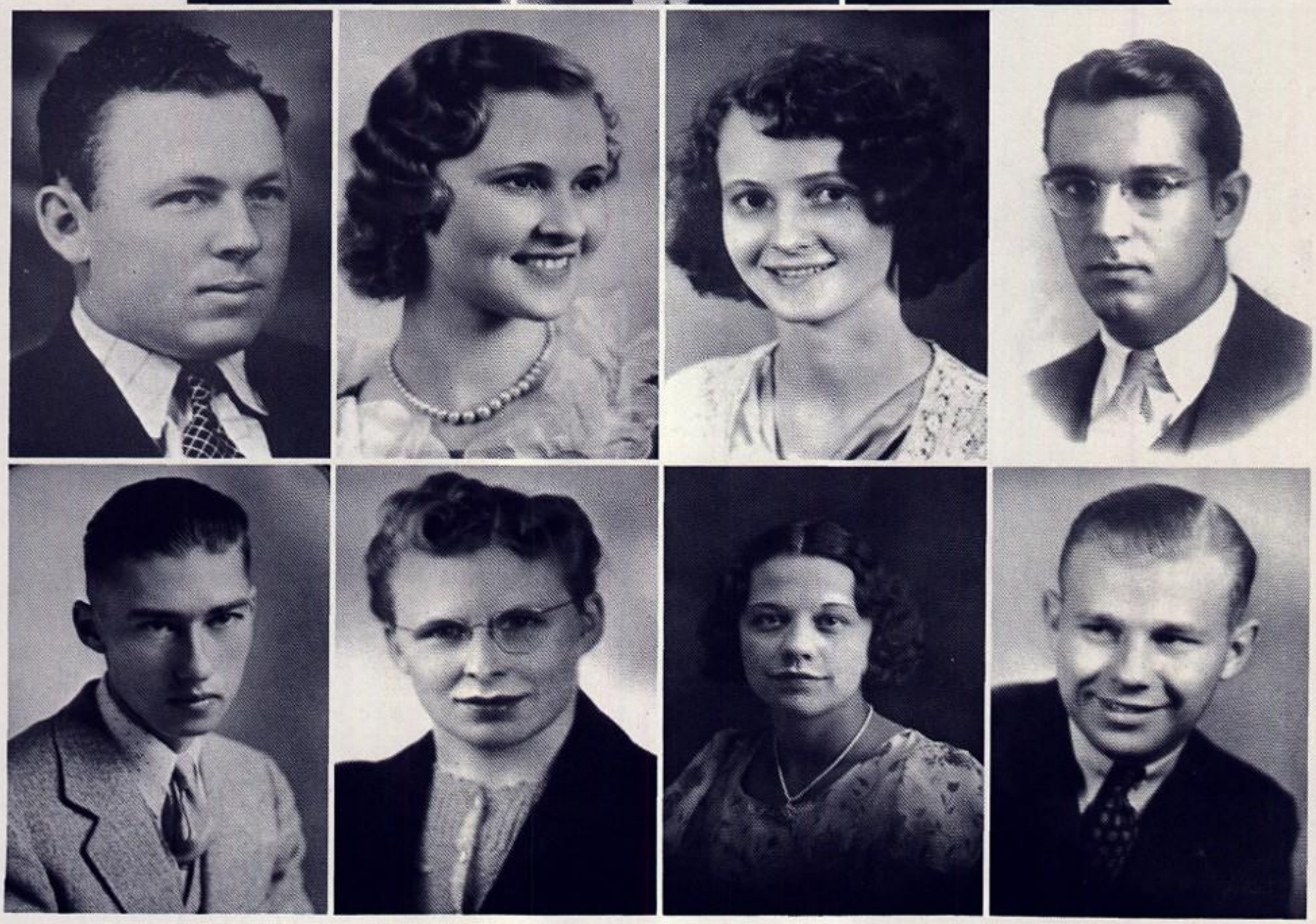
Harry Mollhagen

Alfred Janssen

W. H. Melchert

Class of 1933





TOP ROW: *Catherine Janssen Huseman, Paul Janssen, Vera Springfeldt Noble
MIDDLE ROW: Jewel Ogden, Ruth Wilkens Huebner, Marion Craig Janssen, Victor Wagner
BOTTOM ROW: Chester Rolfs, Edna Schroeder Young, Ada Brown Warner, *Ulric Stassen
*Deceased

FACULTY

E. D. Meacham
Bernice Eaton
Milton Kroth
Helen Money
Alice Tribble
Ruth Staeber

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Harry Mollhagen
Alfred Janssen
W. H. Melchert

Class of 1934

Mathilda Hoffman Hoth

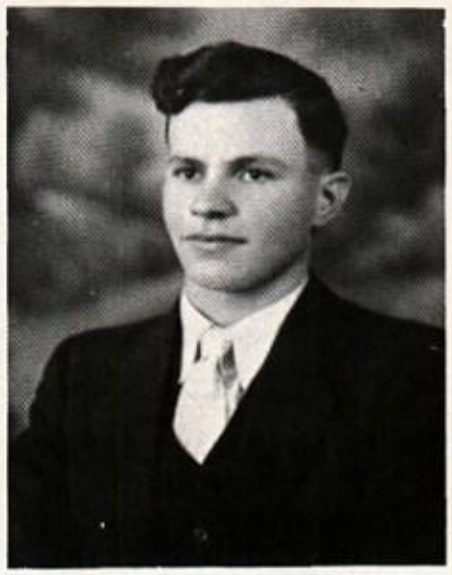
Mildred Wilkens Frazier

Esther Kratzer Wacker

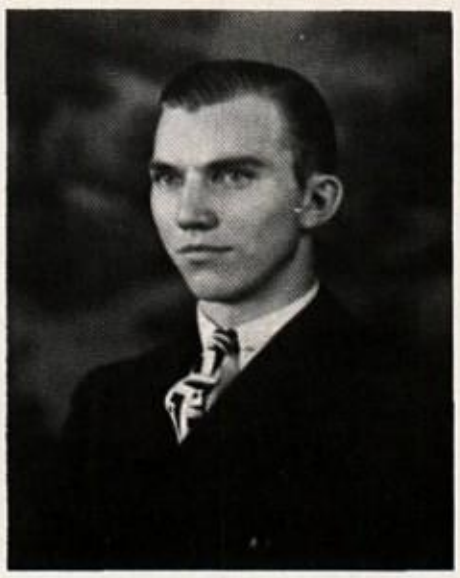
Ane Mae Hatfield Owens

Roland Rolfs

Gertrude Rolfs



Rudolph Kratzer



Milton Mollhagen

FACULTY

E. D. Meacham

Milton Kroth

Alice Tribble

Helen Money

Bessie Wilson

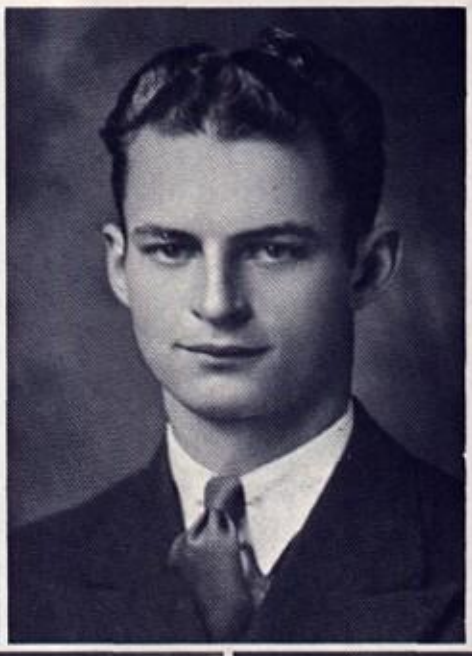
BOARD OF EDUCATION

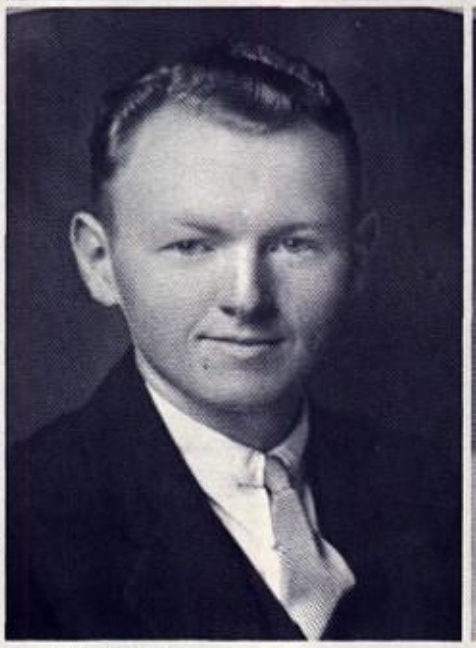
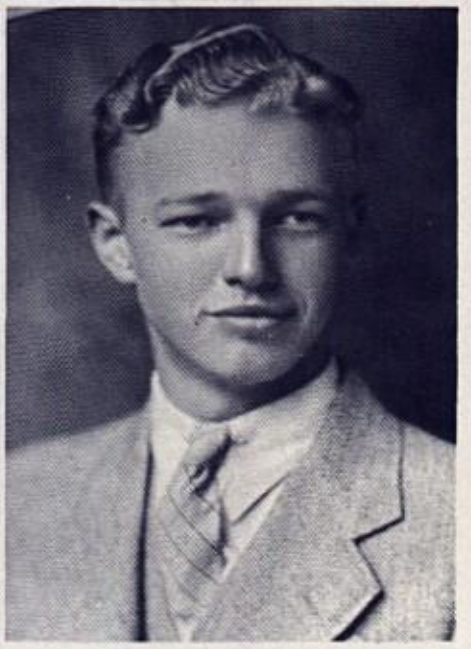
Harry Mollhagen

Alfred Janssen

W. H. Melchert

Class of 1935



TOP ROW: Anna Kootz Bender, Karl Kruse, Donald Schmidt
MIDDLE ROW: Dorothy Dressler Woodard, Mildred Kruse Doubrava, Gilbert Mehl, Wanda Janssen Olson
BOTTOM ROW: *Walter Kootz, Lois Craig Swaffer, Audley Ogden, Victor Schroeder

*Deceased

FACULTY

E. D. Meacham

Ruby Keller — Alice Tribble

Milton Kroth — Bessie Wilson

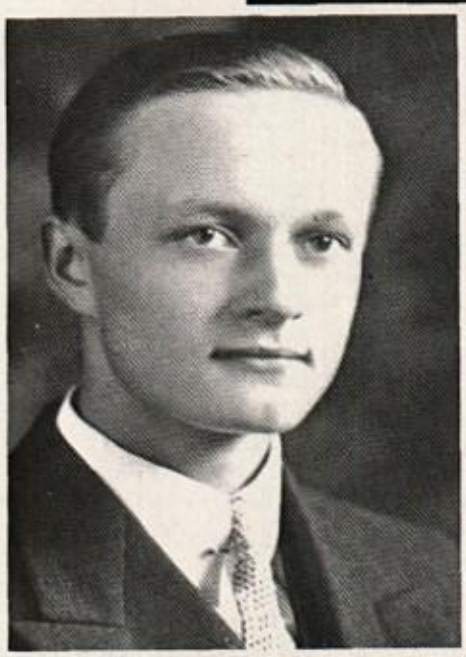
BOARD OF EDUCATION

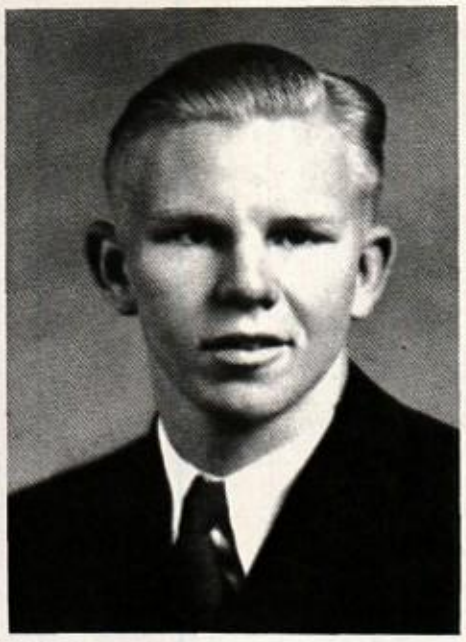
Harry Mollhagen

W. H. Melchert

Alfred Janssen

Class of 1936





TOP ROW: Vernon Kruse, LaVerne Schroeder Childrers, Eva McKenzie Baker
MIDDLE ROW: Stanford Splitter, Ruth Schlick Witt, Hazel Stassen Fowler, Alfred Janssen
BOTTOM ROW: Homer Kruse, Virgil Springfeldt, Lucille Mollhagen Reitz, Earl Schlick

FACULTY

E. D. Meacham
Marie Apple
Clyde Brassfield
Ruby Keller
Faithe Ketterman
Miltron Kroth

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Harry Mollhagen
Ben Kruse
W. H. Melchert

Class of 1937

Sibyl Evans

Janette Craig

Wilbur Heitschmidt

Corene Colberg

Luella Walker

Arlene Melchert

Fred Munson

CLASS of 1937

Howard Melchert

Marie Bayer

Maxine Schmidt

Harvey Peters

Arlie Brown

Helen Rolfs

Presented By
ADMIRE STUDIO
Ellsworth, Kans.

TOP ROW: Sibyl Evans Joy, Janette Craig Gallion, Wilbur Heitschmidt, Corene Colberg Crill, Luella Walker Pflughoeft
MIDDLE ROW: Arlene Melchert Crockett, Fred Munson, Howard Melchert, Marie Bayer Valodine
BOTTOM ROW: Maxine Schmidt Vawter, Harvey Peters, Arlie Brown, Helen Rolfs Kottman

FACULTY

E. D. Meacham

Marie Apple

Vera Chello

Faithe Ketterman

Harold Reinecker

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Harry Mollhagen

Ben Kruse

W. H. Melchert

Class of 1938

TOP ROW: Robert Bridges, Harold Dobrinski, Earl Splitter, Delmar Kruse
MIDDLE ROW: Donna Mae Harder Hansen, Inez Soeken Jandos, Edith Evans Fulks
BOTTOM ROW: Emory McKenzie, Gene Louthan, Robert Bronleewe, Henry Kratzer

FACULTY

E. D. Meacham

Harold Reinecker

William Seguine

Faithe Ketterman

Virginia Hardesty

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Harry Mollhagen

Ben Kruse

W. H. Melchert

Class of 1939

TOP ROW: Wilma Wilkens Janssen, L. C. Schmidt, Opal Schroeder Weihe, Junior Frye, Maxine Rathbun Clifton
MIDDLE ROW: Raymond Schmidt, Marvel Schroeder Schlick, Alice Fancher Dover, Vernon Elroy Janssen
BOTTOM ROW: Russell Claar, Ervin Wynn, Bernice Folk James, Virgil Mehl, Homer Lehnus

FACULTY

E. D. Meacham

Virginia Hardesty — Harold Reinecker

Faithe Ketterman — William Seguine

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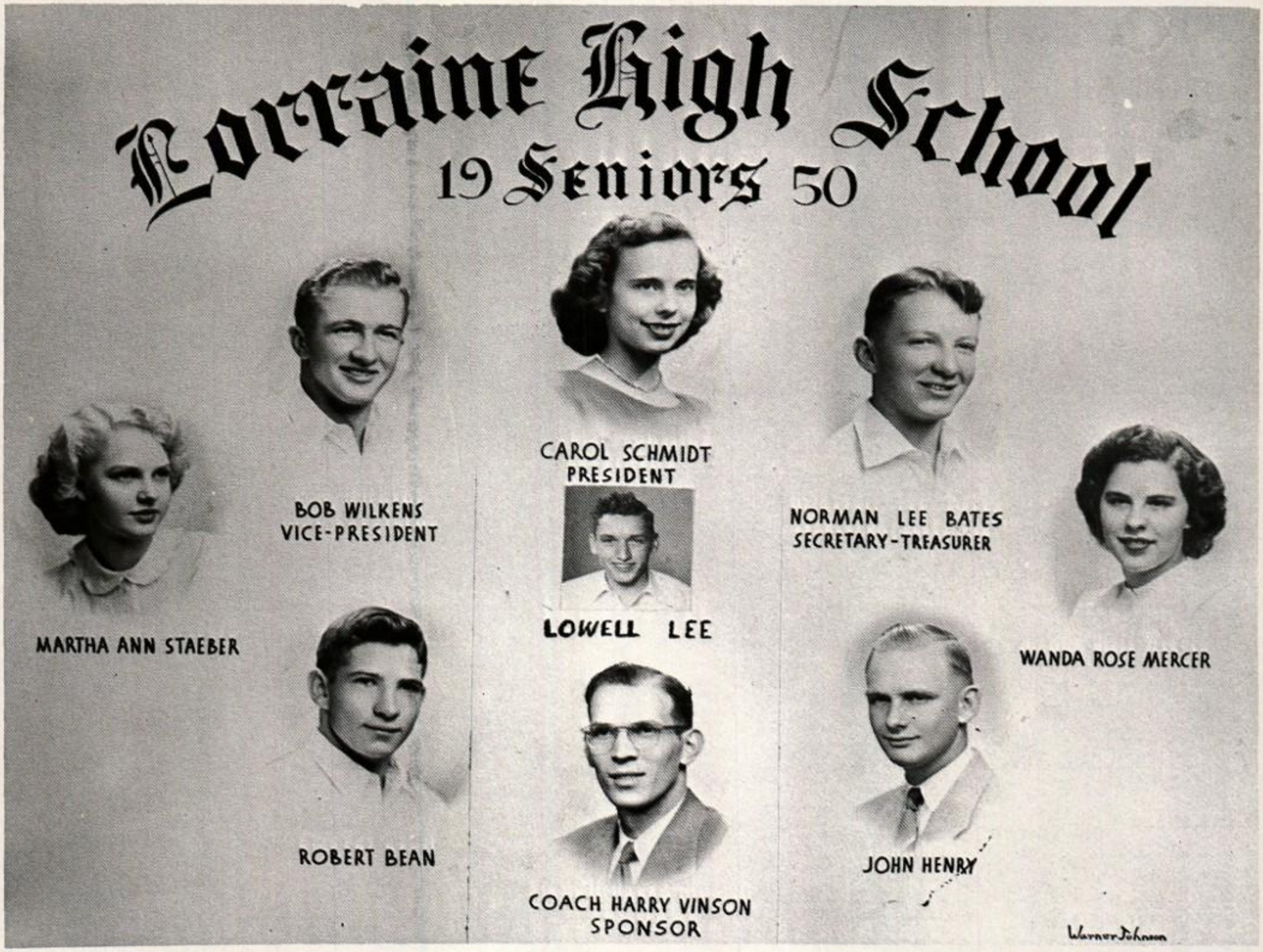

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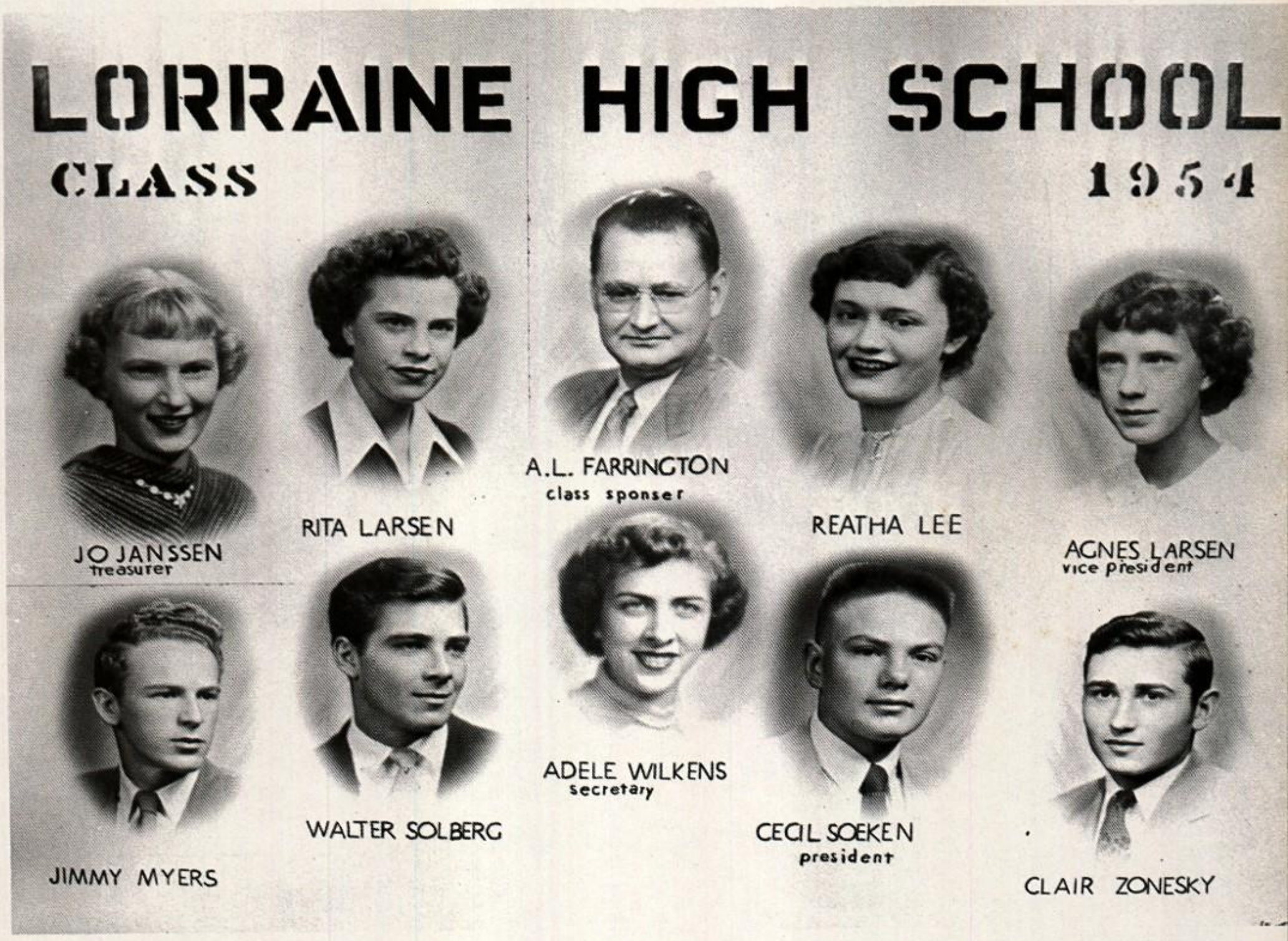

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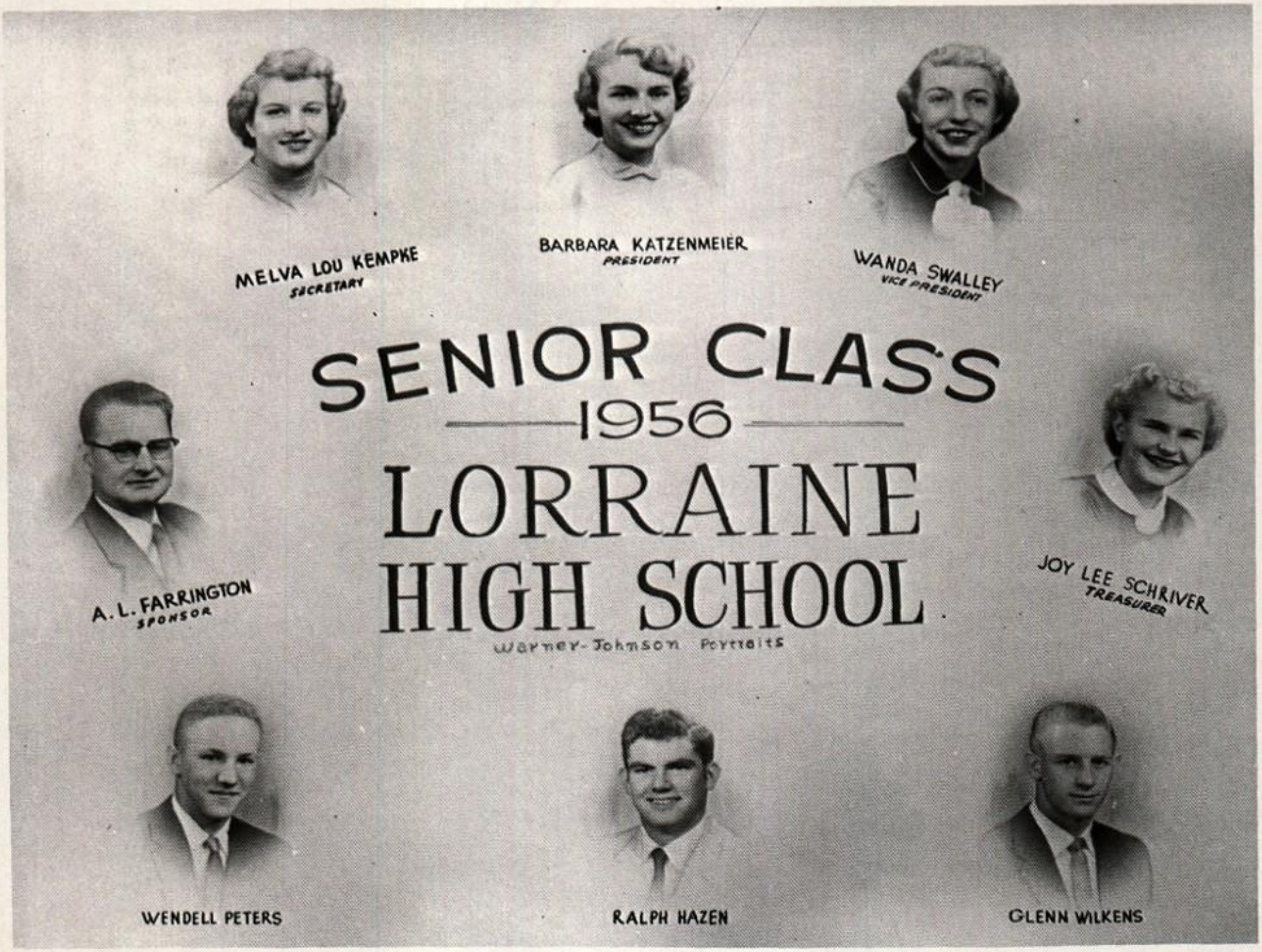

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RONALD C. SOEKEN

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Lunell Lee

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Richard Janssen

June Peters

Rodney Rolfs

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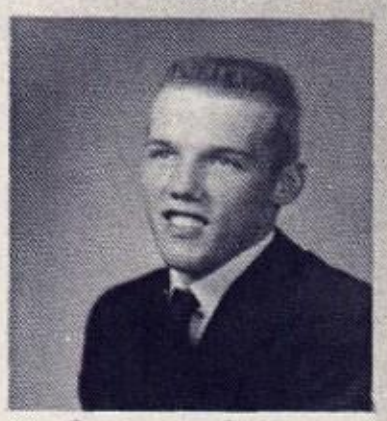

Robert Roth

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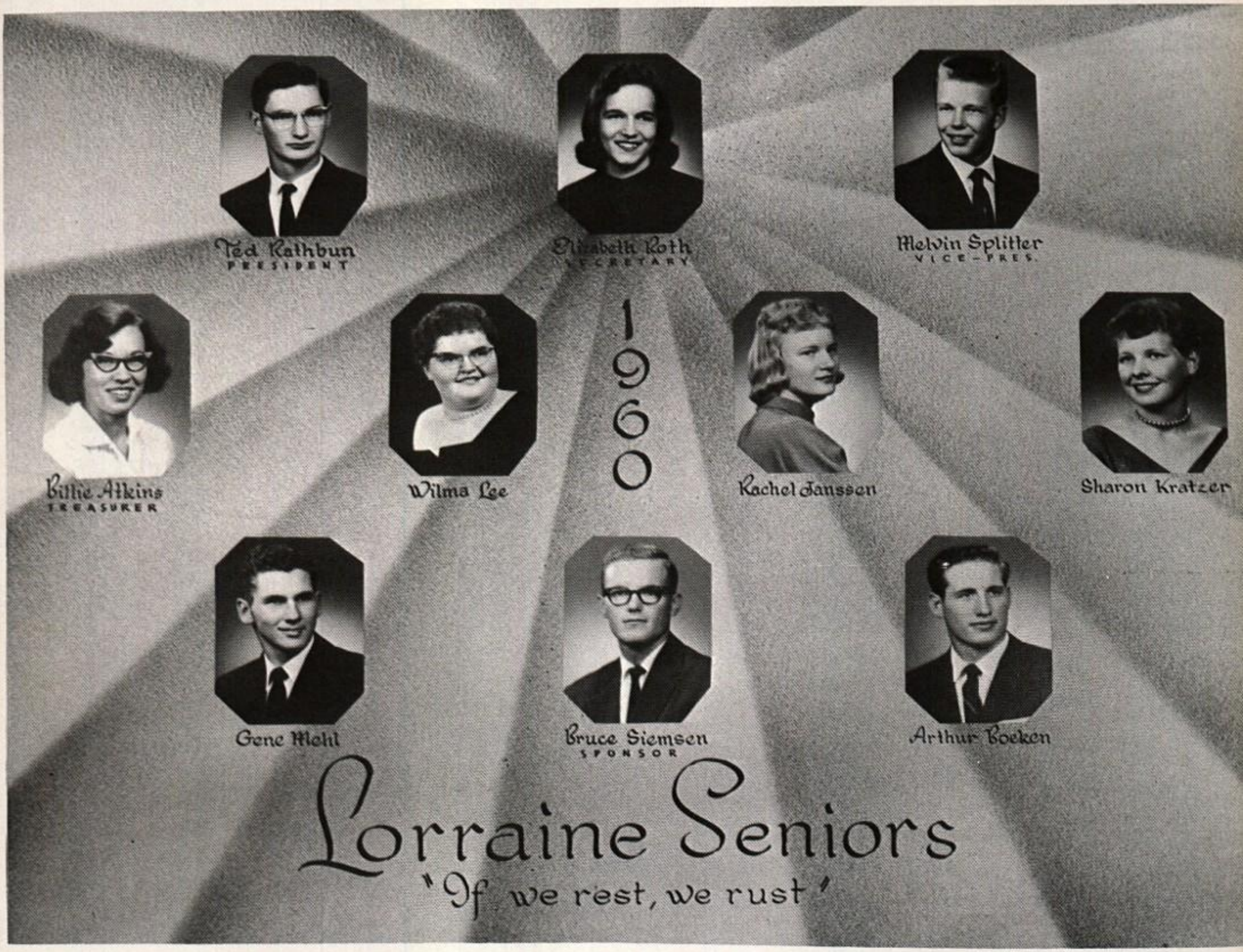

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MIDDLE ROW: Joyce Janssen Boeken, Cheryl Jimison Urbanek
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Larry Jimison

Clarissa Splitter

Sheryl Blank

Sam Etter

TOP ROW: Dorothy Kratzer Crenshaw, Marilyn Johnson Peterman, Gordon Larry Lee, Carol Rathbun Walker

MIDDLE ROW: *Joan Wilkens DeWerff

BOTTOM ROW: Larry Jimison, Clarissa Splitter Pound, Sheryl Blank Katzenmeier, Sam Etter

*Deceased

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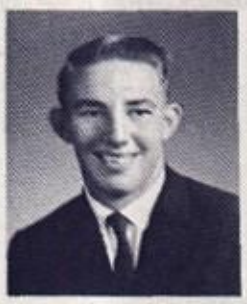
Larry Suiter

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Class Treasurer - - - - - - - - - 1
Football - - - - - - - - - - - - - 1
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Scholarship - - - - - - - - - 1-3-4
Speech Activities - - - - - - 1-2-4
Track - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 3-4
"Her Kissin' Cousin" - - - - - - 2
"Aunt Susie Shoots the Works" - 3
"Tell It to Ethel" - - - - - - - - 3
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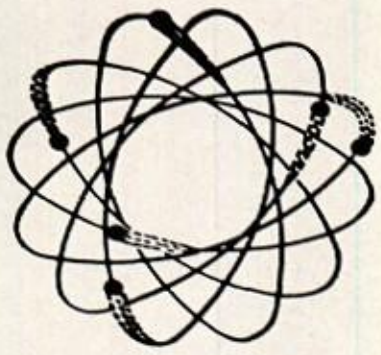

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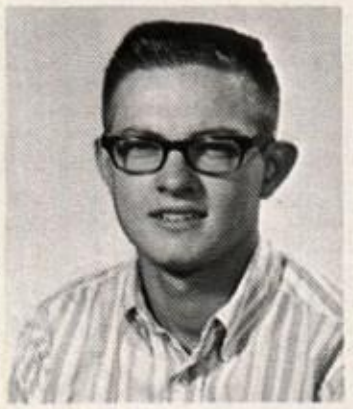
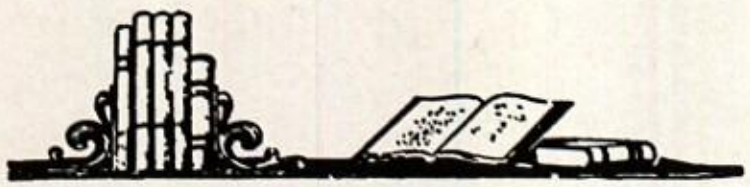


Ray Browning



Freshmen

Kenneth Dobrinski

Mike Jimison

Janice Splitter

Dennis Myers

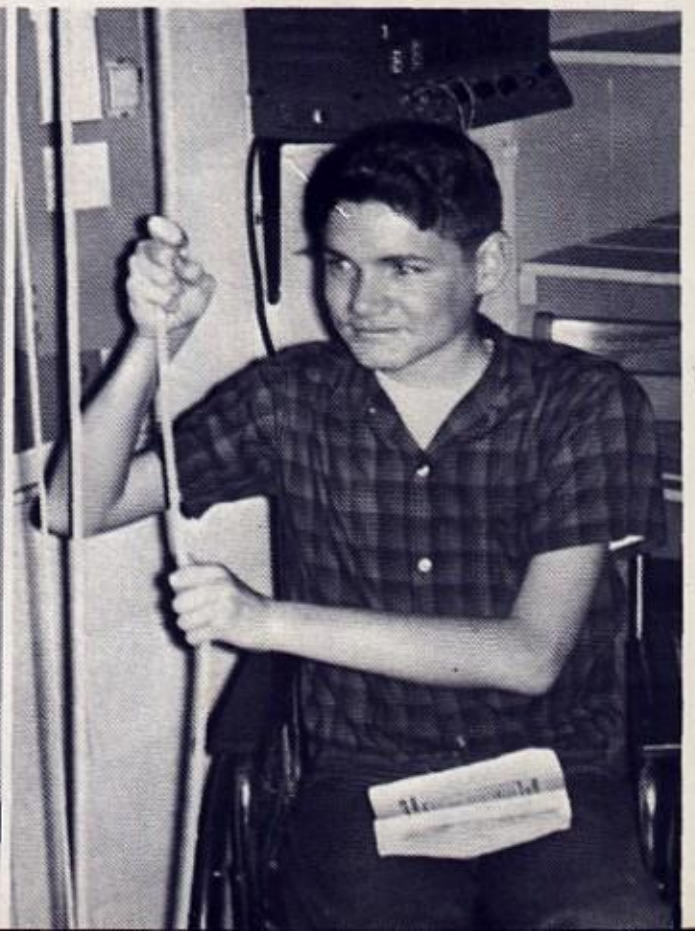
Elaine Peters

School Play

"Good Gracious, Grandma!"

CHARACTERS

George Breckenridge . . . . Dale Dobrinski
Henry Breckenridge . . . . . Greg Smith
Mrs. Lennox . . . . . Cynthia Dobrinski
Helen Allen . . . . . Lois Kratzer
Cecile Allen . . . . . Janice Splitter
Clancy . . . . . Dennis Myers
Wiggins . . . . . Donald Mehl
P-Sam . . . . . Kenneth Dobrinski
Delicia . . . . . Elaine Peters
Messenger Boy . . . . . Ray Browning
Stage Manager . . . . . Mike Jimison
Director . . . . . David Herd



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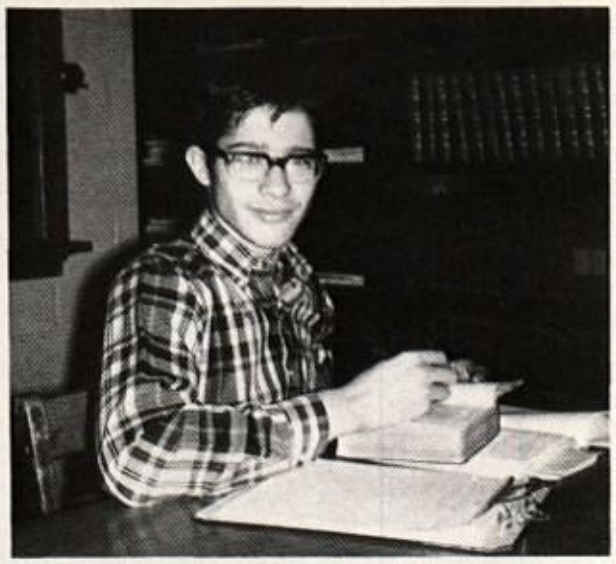

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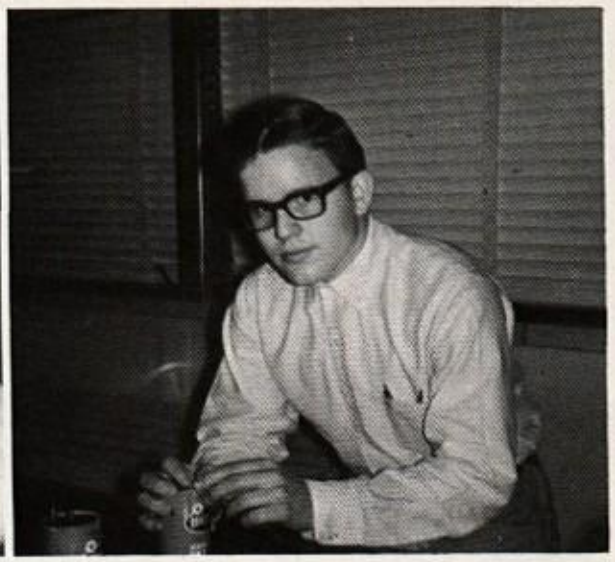

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JANICE SPLITTER
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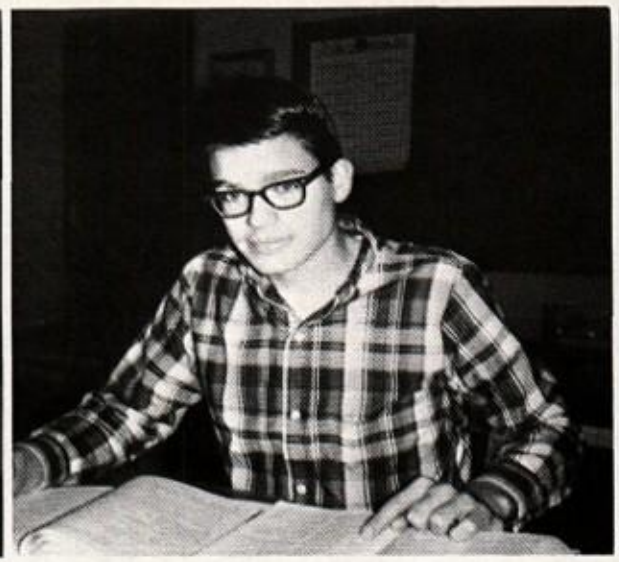
Health



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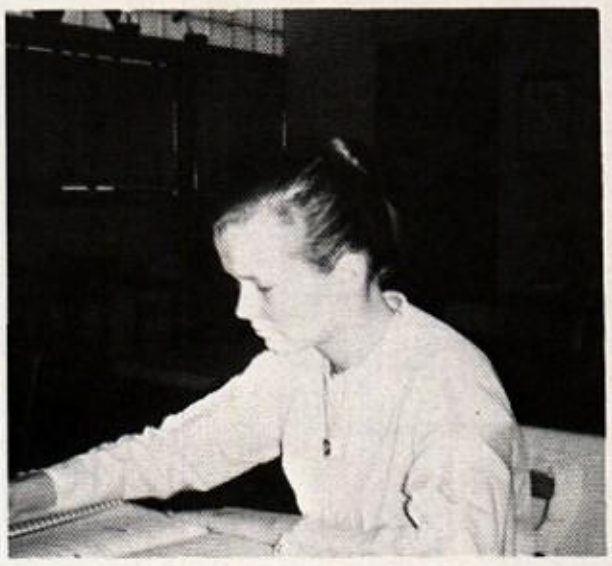
English I, General Science,
Industrial Arts



ELAINE PETERS
English I, Algebra I,
Health

Speech and Drama

"THE STORM"

A Drama in One Act
by
Donald Payton

The Hunter - - - - Greg Smith
The Woman - - - Lois Kratzer
The Girl - - - Elaine Peters

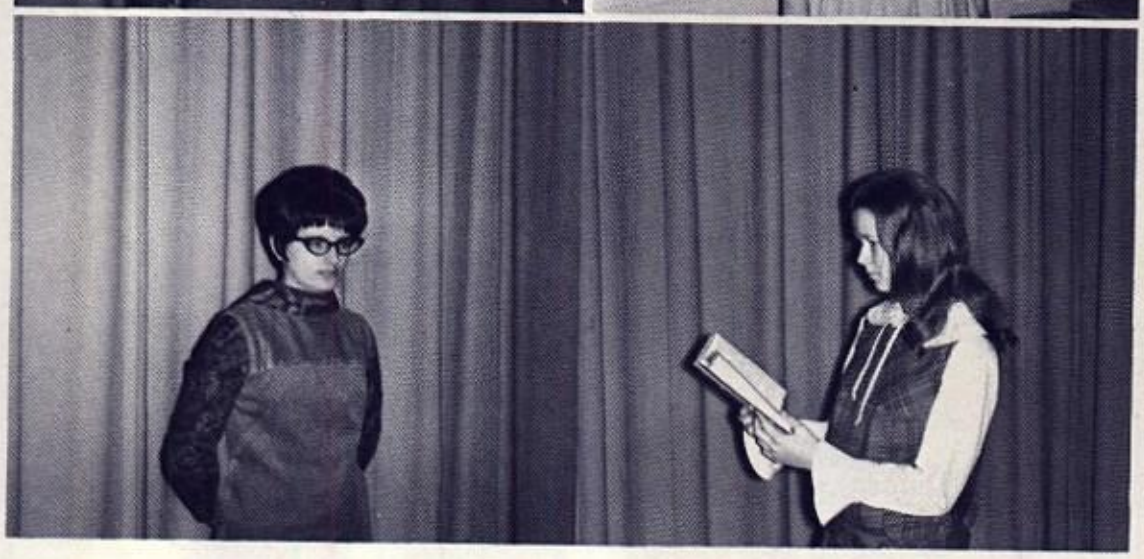
Mary - - - - Janice Splitter
Jeff Mulkey - Dale Dobrinski
Directed by - - - David Herd

DALE DOBRINSKI - Reading
"Boys' Camp Business"

CYNTHIA DOBRINSKI - Reading
"Trimming Her Husband"
and
Oral Interpretation of Prose

LOIS KRATZER - Reading
"Speech Judge's Nightmare"

ELAINE PETERS -
Oral Interpretation of Poetry

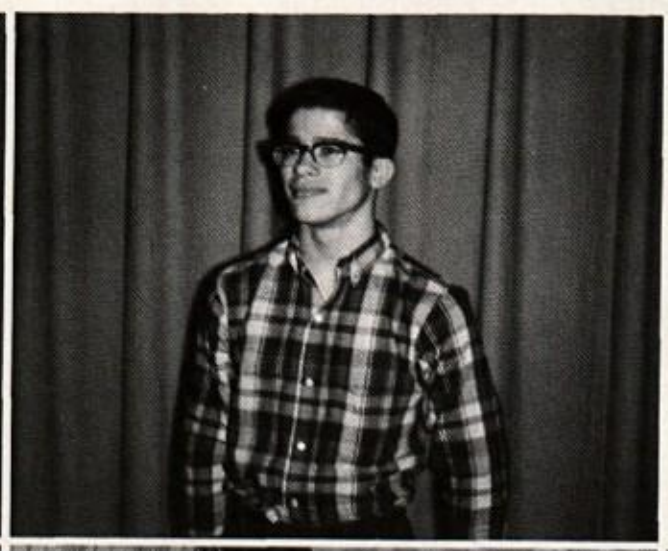


Music

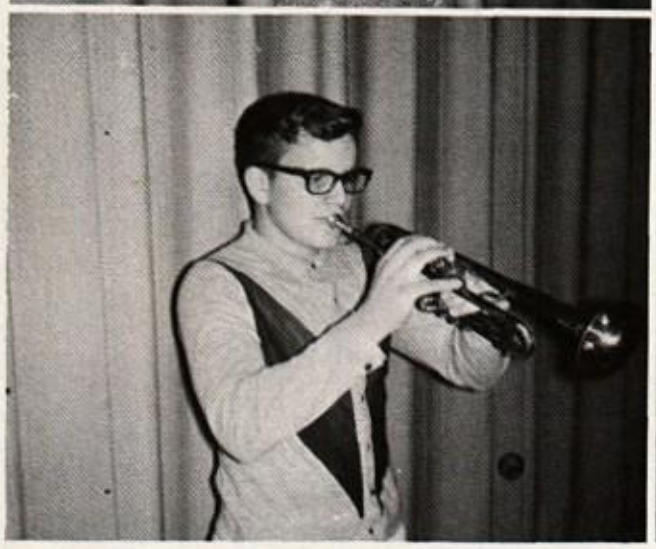
MIXED QUARTET

Janice Splitter
Cynthia Dobrinski
Greg Smith
Dale Dobrinski
Elaine Peters
Accompanist

JANICE SPLITTER
Vocal Solo



DALE DOBRINSKI
Vocal Solo



DENNIS MYERS
Cornet Solo

ELAINE PETERS
Harp Solo
Piano Solo

CYNTHIA DOBRINSKI
Piano Solo
Violin Solo

Kayettes

LOIS KRATZER
President

JANICE SPLITTER

CYNTHIA DOBRINSKI
Secretary

ELAINE PETERS

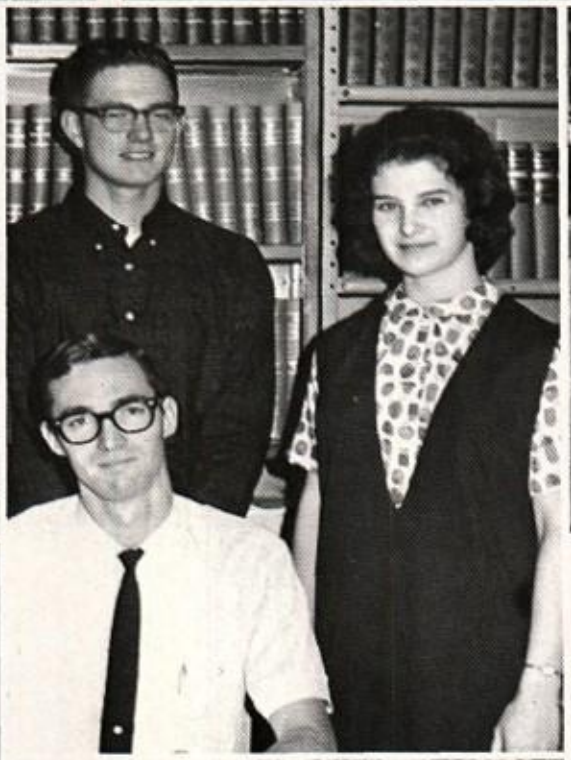
The girls attended the Regional Kayette Conference at Hays and received their 1000-point award.

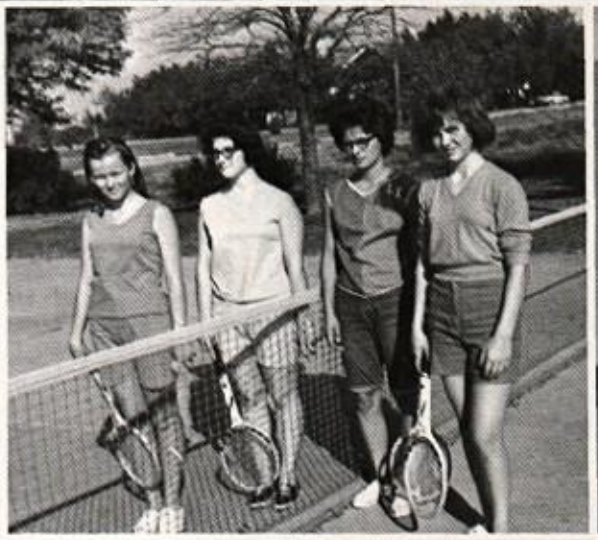
KAYETTE

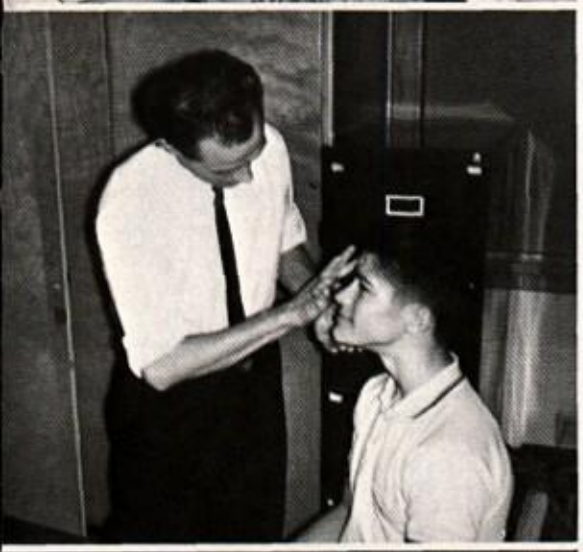
CHRISTMAS

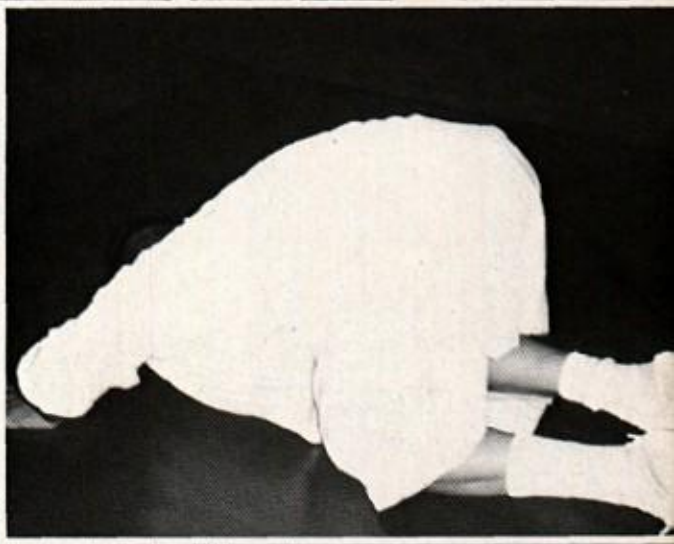
PARTY

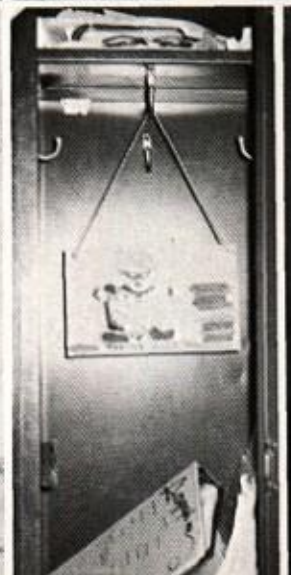
1965











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Grade School Faculty

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7th and 8th

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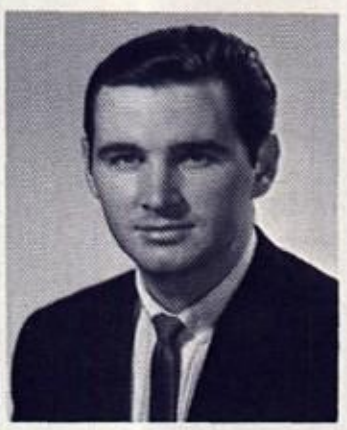
7th and 8th

Margaret Hintz
5th and 6th

Linda Arnett
3rd and 4th



Marcene Kempke
1st and 2nd

Elaine Bath
Kindergarten

Bill Jones
Music

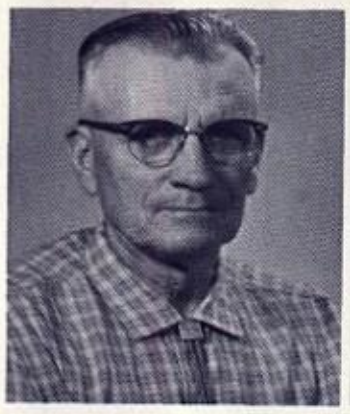
Janitor

Ernst Schroeder

Lucy Smith

Verda Jimison

Cooks



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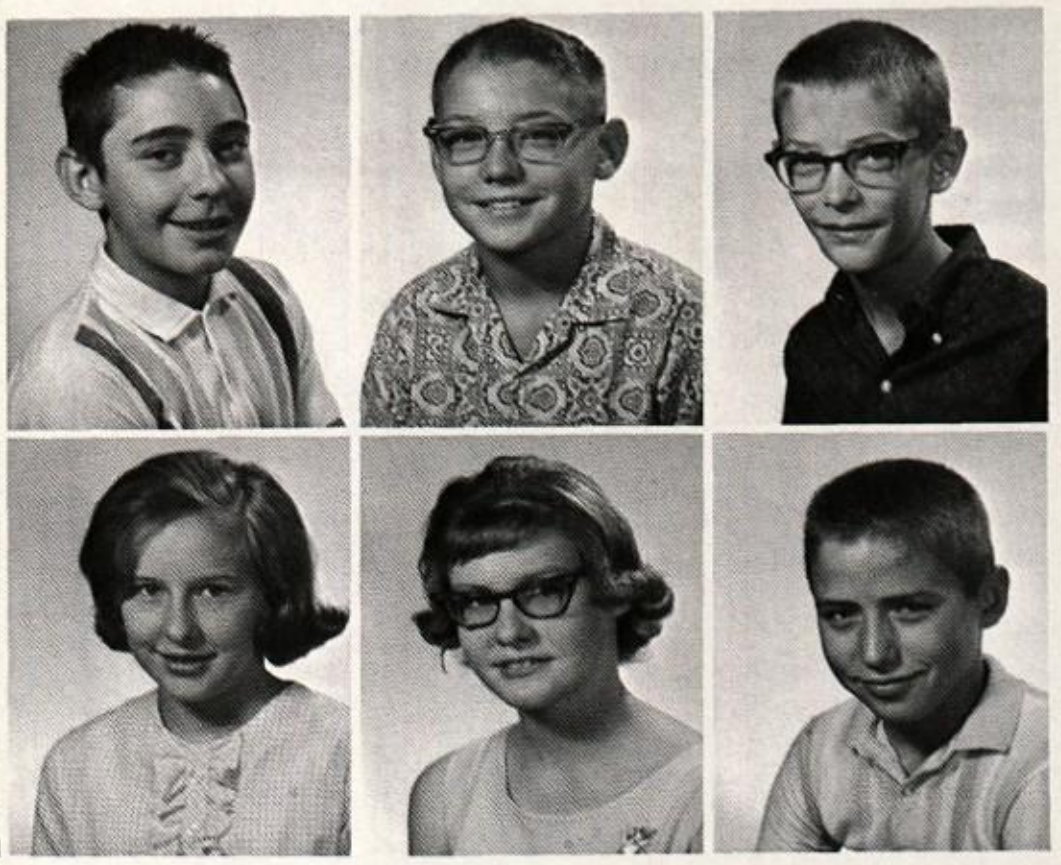

Daryl Mehl

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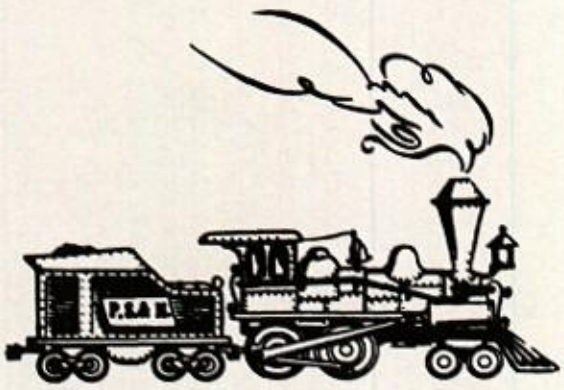
Douglas Janssen

Jack Rolfs

Dixie Kruse

Marcia Blank

Danny Kruse



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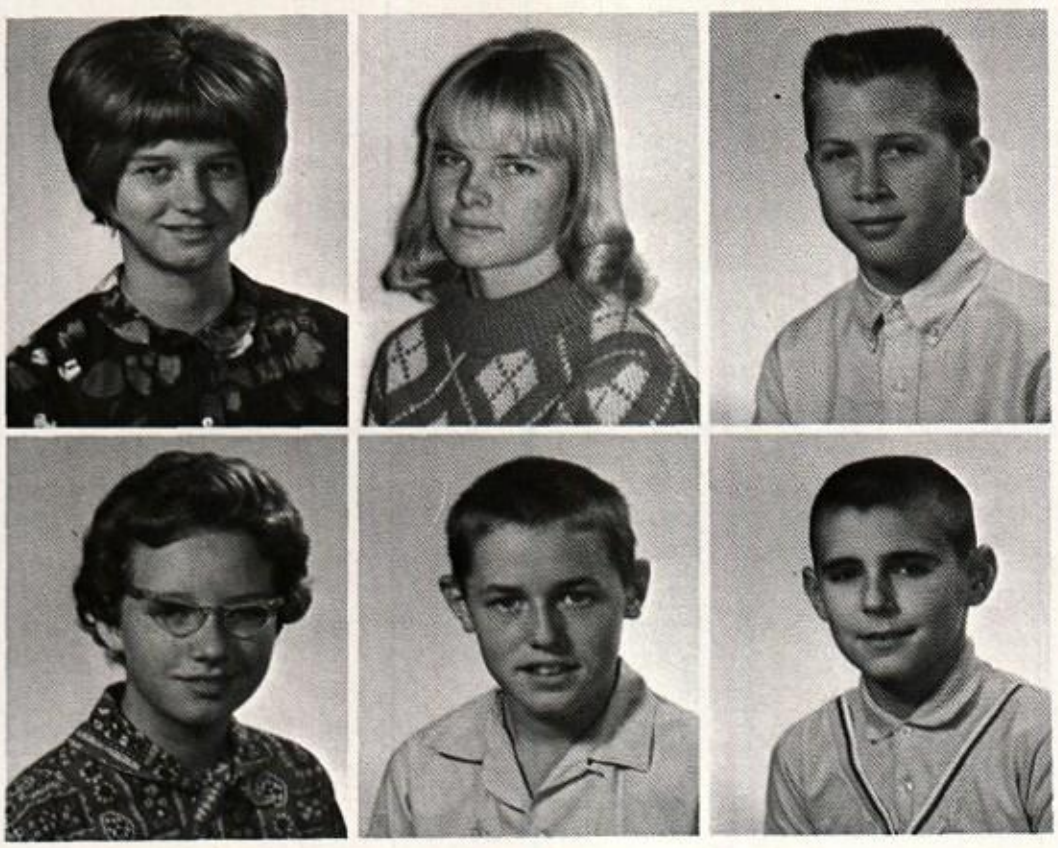


Gauvayhna Jantz

Dana McDaniel

Jerry Wilkens

Susan Rolfs

Danny Blank

Greg Wilkens

Sixth Grade

Brent Hildebrand

Karen Janzen

Gerald Janssen

Fifth Grade

Scott Rolfs

Herbert Perkins

Bonnie Barker

Mark Dobrinski

Donna Boardman

Jimmy Kizzar

Carol Wilkens

Fourth Grade

Robin Mollhagen

Jon Mollhagen

Iris Blank

Denise Mehl

Carrol Boeken

Stuart Janssen

Kay Wilkens

Max Mehl

Del Wesseler

Cindy Perkins

Ned McDaniel

Glenna Boardman

Third Grade

Stanton Janssen

Jane Mollhagen

Marnna Boardman

William Roy Harris

Connie Wilkens

Mary Mehl

Kenton Janzen

Second Grade

Susan Janzen

Marilee Harris

Carol Barker

Charles Perkins

Doug Kizzar

Cathy Jimison

First Grade

Kathryn Harris

Melodie Janssen

Brian Mollhagen

Jean Rolfs

Kindergarten

David Mollhagen

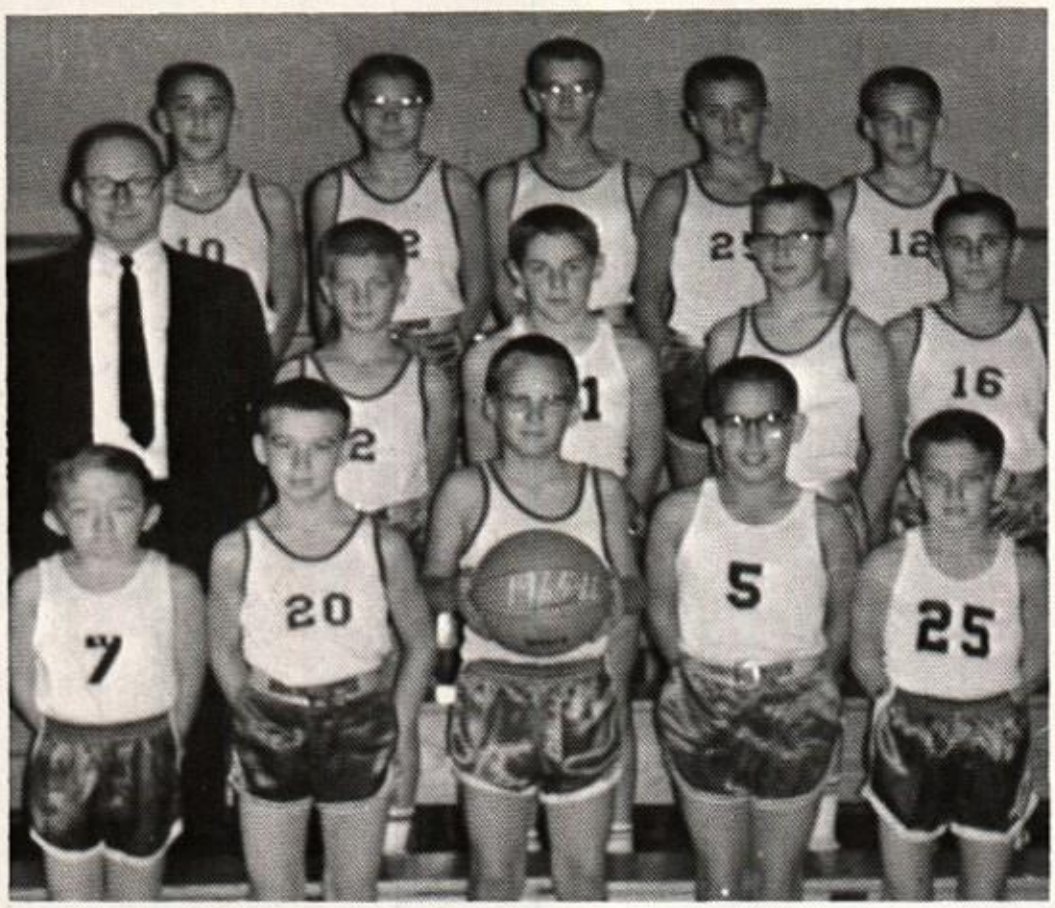
Sandy Barker

Gary Hart

Grade Activities

"THE TOYS THAT HAD TO WAIT"

Directed
by
BILL JONES



BACK ROW:
- Daryl Mehl
- Kyle Jimison
- Douglas Janssen
- Danny Kruse
- Jack Rolfs

MIDDLE ROW:
- Hobart Leach
- Gerald Janssen
- Danny Blank
- Jerry Wilkens
- Greg Wilkens

FRONT ROW:
- Jimmy Kizzar
- Brent Hildebrand
- Scott Rolfs
- Mark Dobrinski
- Charles Perkins

BACK ROW:
- Dana McDaniel
- Gauvaynha Jantz
- Marcia Blank
- Susan Rolfs
- Dixie Kruse
- Margaret Hintz

FRONT ROW:
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